

REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS OF MELROSE,

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1879.



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ARTHUR E. WORTHEN (resigned). RICHARD WHOWELL (resigned).

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HENRY A. LEONARD.

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J. D. LITTLEFIELD. AMI C. CHICK.
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Special Police.

WALTER B. ELLIS. ALBON W. PARKER. CLIFFORD SARGENT.
ROBERT GIBBONS, JUN. GEORGE H. ROBINSON.

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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

THE Selectmen herewith submit their Annual Report for the financial year ending Dec. 31, 1879 (twelve months).

POOR.

Your attention is invited to the classified list of paupers attached to this report.

It shows twenty-four less of those having legal settlements in our town than were aided, as reported, for the previous year. These all fall under Sect. II., Class 1. The number of those *fully* supported remains the same as last year. Of these, all but three are aged and infirm, and must remain a burden upon us. In the outside temporary-relief department, as under Sect. II., Classes 2 and 3, there has been an increase of eleven over the previous year. One has been discharged from the Asylum for the Insane, leaving four.

The tramps have shown their usual sagacity and shrewdness in forming the acquaintance of Mr. S. L. Walton, the efficient lock-up keeper, and have succeeded in keeping him well patronized. The tramp seems to *scent* this institution even in the distance, as does the bird of prey the battle-field, and hither turns his steps with the instinct of a canine to his kennel. Mr. Walton reports an increase of eighty-six above any previous year.

Of the amount — namely, \$469.06 — which was to have been reimbursed to this department, as reported last year, on account of the Waitt and Kelly estates, only \$38.03 has been received. The expense for outside relief, which is greater than for previous years, is to

be reimbursed in full by cities and towns, and that on State account to the extent of the statute.

*Number of Paupers fully supported within the Year ending
Dec. 31, 1879.*

SECTION I.

Class 1. Had a settlement in our town	11
2. In receptacles for the insane	5
3. Were State paupers	2
Total number	<hr/> 18

Number of Persons partially supported within the Year.

SECTION II.

Class 1. Had a settlement in our town	80
2. Had a settlement elsewhere in the State	20
3. Were State paupers	15
Total number	<hr/> 115

SECTION III.

Class 1. Truants in the State schools	3
2. Tramps lodged in the lock-up	1,024

We anticipate better times in the spring, which must bring us relief in the temporary-aid department.

The poor complain of hard times, — that wages are no higher, and no more work than they had last winter. The times did look better in the fall; but it was very unfortunate that, with the *first* signs of business activity, speculation, and a consequent rise in the prices of those staples and necessities of life which we *must* have, tended to victimize and oppress, rather than benefit, the poor. A full report of receipts and expenses may be found elsewhere.

RELIEF OF SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, OR FOR HEADSTONES.

The sum which was appropriated in 1878 for the purposes above named has been expended during the present year for headstones,

which are being placed at the graves of soldiers in Wyoming Cemetery.

HIGHWAYS.

The appropriation for highways, we believe, has been expended as judiciously as possible by the three surveyors appointed by the town.

We would recommend that one efficient person be elected for the term of three years to the office of highway surveyor, to have charge of the highways under the supervision of the Selectmen.

DRAINAGE.

The culvert on Winthrop Place, at the Highlands, has been taken up and relaid, and about 80 feet of 10-inch pipe laid from Franklin Street to the brook.

A continuation of the Emerson-street and Taylor drain has been made across Oakland Street, thence to the brook, about 207 feet 15-inch pipe being used. Nearly 200 feet of 10-inch pipe has been laid from Porter across Lebanon and Main Streets to the pond. Ell-pond brook, from its source to Malden line, has received its annual clearing-out.

The culvert at Wyoming Depot will require attention this year. For this and other necessary repairs, we would recommend \$600.

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS AND CROSSINGS.

In compliance with the vote of the town, concrete sidewalks have been laid opposite estates whose owners were willing to pay one-half the expense of laying the same, to the full extent of the appropriation: 5,920½ square yards have been thus laid, a detailed account of which will be found in this report. With so good results from the last two years' appropriations for this object, we would recommend a further appropriation of \$1,000 the present year.

About 400 square yards of concrete crossings have been laid under the direction of the Board at the following places: —

From Worthen's store to Centre Depot; across Cedar Park, near depot; from west side of Poplar Street, across Emerson Street;

across Vinton Street, near residence of D. W. Gooch ; across Vinton Street, near residence of H. N. Perkins ; on Franklin Street, near Highland Depot ; across Essex Street, to Town-hall lot ; across Main Street, from corner Essex Street ; across Myrtle Street, near Foster Street ; across Willow Street, at junction with Foster Street ; across Emerson Street, to High-schoolhouse lot ; across Lake Avenue, to High-schoolhouse lot.

STREET-LIGHTS.

Our streets have been lighted by the Globe Gas-Light Company of Boston.

The first five months of the year were included in a contract made with the same company last year. The present contract includes the furnishing of ten additional iron posts and frames, with copper lanterns and fixtures, erecting the same, and the lighting and keeping in repair of all the street-lamps for one year, from June 1, 1879, for \$1,470, — a saving of over \$300 from the appropriation made at the annual town meeting of March last.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

This department is in good condition, — good officers and good men.

A full report is made by the engineers.

TOWN HALL.

All necessary repairs have been made ; and the building is now in good condition, and *likely to stand* for centuries.

Full report of receipts and expenses will be found elsewhere.

MILITARY AID.

Under the provisions of chap. 282, Acts of the Legislature of 1878, \$117.75 was disbursed in January, 1879. This much abused Act was promptly repealed by the Legislature of 1879 ; and soon after an Act was passed entitled, “ An Act for the Benefit of Indigent

Soldiers and Sailors" (chap. 252), which provides that cities and towns may pay or expend for persons entitled to relief under said Act, having a settlement within their respective limits, under the pauper laws, such an amount as will relieve actual want or distress. A board of commissioners, appointed under the Act, are charged with the supervision and investigation of all payments; and monthly returns are required to be made to them showing sums paid, to whom, and reasons for expenditure. Upon the approval of the board of commissioners, ONE-HALF of the amount expended by any city or town will be refunded by the State, and the other half of the expense must be borne by the city or town disbursing the same. We have expended \$126 for the past year, and have received the approval of the commissioners in each case.

The law relating to the payment of State aid to invalid pensioners of the United States, and dependent relatives of soldiers and sailors who served to the credit of Massachusetts in the war, was repealed by the same Legislature, and an Act similar in character passed (chap. 301), which provides that monthly returns of the sums, circumstances, and reasons for expenditure in each case shall be made to the board of commissioners before mentioned; and, upon their approval, the total amount paid shall be reimbursed to the city or town expending the same.

ARMORY RENT.

For rent of Armory to Jan. 1, 1880, \$625 has been paid, making a total amount paid by the town for rent of buildings for the accommodation of Battery C, M.V.M., since the year 1872, of \$3,737, all of which has been refunded to the town by the State.

BOUNTY-CLAIM.

The claim of William H. Pearson for bounty, which was referred to William B. Burgess, C. B. Baldwin, and Board of Selectmen, was carefully investigated: and, while not admitting the legality of the claim, we were satisfied that the soldier did not receive from the town any remuneration whatever for enlistment, and therefore

deemed it advisable to pay to his attorney the amount paid others who enlisted at the same time; viz., \$125.

POLICE.

The frequent burglaries occurring the past year seem to have awakened the citizens to the importance of having the town more thoroughly protected by police or night-watchmen, and urgent demands have been made to the Selectmen to increase the service; but the meagre appropriation has, in a measure, been a bar to complying with the demands in full.

We would recommend for the present year \$800.

SUITS.

All suits against the town are now settled, *to the best of our knowledge and belief*, including lawyers' fees. In the action of F. W. Judkins for damages, for injuries alleged to have been received through a defect, said to have existed, in sidewalk near the Town Hall, by agreement, referees were appointed, who awarded him the sum of \$50.

The award, and other expenses connected therewith, excepting bill of counsel, have been paid from the contingent fund, as was also the bounty-claim before mentioned.

Respectfully submitted.

DANIEL NORTON, JUN.

HENRY G. FIELDS.

JOSEPH F. BOYD.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

DURING the past year, we believe, our town has been free from contagious diseases, excepting several cases of diphtheria resulting in five deaths. Those cases were attended to by the Board as soon as they became known, and necessary precaution taken to prevent its spread. Complaints having been made of a filthy and dirty stable and barnyard on Main Street, with stagnant water in its vicinity, detrimental to the public health, and very offensive to the whole neighborhood, after several interviews with the occupants, the nuisance, in a measure, has been abated; but still there is room for improvement. This case, we understand, is one that has been frequently complained of in former years; and the Board questions whether any citizen has the right to maintain so offensive a place in the centre of the town under such circumstances. Several complaints arising from hog-pens, stable-vaults, &c., have been before the Board, all of which have been attended to by the owners on being notified.

EXPENSES BY THE BOARD.

“Melrose Journal”	\$6 00
J. V. Smith, M.D.	2 00
J. H. Smith, M.D	3 00
G. W. Bartlett	4 00
E. A. Alden	50
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									\$15 50

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH F. BOYD.
DANIEL NORTON, JUN.
HENRY G. FIELDS.

CIRCULAR BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Diphtheria.

When a case occurs in any family, the sick person should be placed in a room apart from the other inmates of the house, and should be nursed, as far as possible, by one person only. The sick chamber should be well warmed, exposed to sunlight, and well aired. Its furniture should be such as will permit of cleansing without injury; and all extra articles, such as window drapery, woollen carpets, and the like, should be removed from the room during the sickness. The family should not mingle with other people. Visitors to the infected house should be warned of the presence of a dangerous disease therein; and children especially should not be admitted. All clothing and bedding worn or used by the patient or nurse should be cleansed by boiling for at least one hour; or, if that cannot be done, by free and prolonged exposure to out-door air and sunlight. The walls of the room should be dry-rubbed, and all the cloths used for the purpose should be burned without previous shaking. The ceiling should be scraped and whitened. The floor should be washed with soap and water, and carbolic acid may be added to the water (one pint to three or four gallons). The infected clothing should be cleansed by itself, and not sent to a laundry. In case of death, the funeral services should be strictly private, and the corpse should not be exposed to view. The Board also require that physicians should report all cases to them, and that children should be excluded from the schools until such times as a physician may decide is necessary to insure freedom from contagion.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETINGS.

ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 3, 1879.

ARTICLE 1. — Chose Levi S. Gould, Moderator.

ART. 2. — *Voted*, To choose three Selectmen, who shall be Overseers of the Poor; one Clerk; one Treasurer; one Collector; three Assessors; one Water Commissioner for three years; three Highway Surveyors; two School Committee for three years, and one for two years; one Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years; five Trustees of the Public Library; one Constable; and three Auditors.

ART. 3. — *Voted*, That the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) be raised and appropriated for the support of schools, for the purpose of paying salaries, for fuel, care of buildings, and including also compensation of School Committee.

ART. 4. — *Voted*, That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes, with the approval of the Selectmen.

ART. 7. — The committee appointed to settle with the Collector of Taxes for the years 1875, 1876, and 1877, submitted their report. Voted to accept. Committee discharged on years 1875 and 1876.

Voted, That the Board of Assessors are hereby directed to furnish the Collector of Taxes, on or before the first day of July of each year, a list of all persons who are assessed a poll tax only, together with the names of such other persons as in their judgment the interests of the town may require, and that the Collector proceed forthwith to collect the same. This order shall remain in force until repealed by a majority of the legal voters of this town.

Voted, That the Assessors be directed to enter upon the back pages of the Assessors' books the names of parties receiving abatements, with the date, amount, and the particular portion of tax abated, whether poll, real estate, or personal, and for what reason. Such

abatement to be noted opposite the name of the party in the assessment.

Voted, That the Treasurer, or such other officer having authority, be authorized to waive any claim the town may have against Mr. Aaron Green, Collector of Taxes for the year 1867, provided he waives any claim he may have against the town, and passes into their custody the book used by him when Collector.

Voted, That the Committee appointed to settle with the Collector of Taxes for the years 1873 and 1874 be requested to attend to that duty, and report at the next town meeting.

Selectmen's report on guide-boards accepted.

Voted, To close the polls at 5.30 P.M.

Voted, That the matter of claim of William H. Pearson for bounty be referred to the Board of Selectmen, Mr. William B. Burgess, and the Commander of Post 4, G.A.R., for adjustment.

OFFICERS DECLARED ELECTED UNDER ARTICLE 2.

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Daniel Norton, jun., H. G. Fields, Osmore Jenkins. Town Clerk, John Larrabee. Treasurer, George Newhall. Assessors, Dexter Pratt, George C. Stantial, J. C. Currier. Collector, John R. Jones. Water Commissioner (for three years), W. Irving Ellis. Highway Surveyors, James Marshall, George P. Fuller, W. B. Ellis. School Committee, Mrs. Ann M. Kunhardt, Mrs. J. C. Currier, Miss Phœbe A. Norris. Trustees of the Public Library, Frederic Kidder, E. H. Goss, C. C. Barry, Hannah Lynde, Addie A. Nichols. Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner (three years), John W. Farwell. Constable, Ansel B. Pierce. Auditors, John R. Norton, Frank E. Orcutt, Ernest B. Mendum.

Voted, To adjourn the meeting to 7.30 P.M.

ADJOURNED MEETING, MARCH 3, 1879, 7.30 P.M.

ART. 3. — *Voted*, To raise and appropriate the following sums for the purposes named :—

School contingent	\$1,700 00
Support of poor	4,000 00
Highways	2,400 00
Sidewalks (reconsidered)	1,500 00
Fire Department	2,200 00
Fire Department, for the purchase of new hose	400 00
Street-lights, including the addition of ten new lamps	1,800 00

Contingent expenses	\$800 00
Water, use of	2,000 00
Water, maintenance	1,500 00
Reduction of town debt	6,000 00
Public library, dog tax, and	400 00
Drainage	600 00
Salaries of town officers	1,880 00
Interest on debt	8,000 00
Case of Waitt Brothers, paupers	2,135 46
Drainage of Emerson Street (near D. L. Taylor's)	829 19
Deficiencies in accounts; to wit, —	
Poor account	\$389 61
Highways	1,000 00
Town Hall	698 73
School contingent	216 48
Construction water-works	462 08
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	2,766 90
Police	200 00

Voted, That concrete crossings be laid, under the direction of the Selectmen, where thought advisable, and that two hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for that purpose.

Voted, That the interest collected by the Collector upon taxes for the year 1878 be credited to the interest account for the year 1879.

Voted, That the unexpended balances from last year be added to the appropriations for this year, and credited to the several departments.

Voted, That the town officers be paid the same salaries as last year.

Voted, That the ballots and check-list used this day be placed in the custody of the Town Clerk; and that the Moderator and Clerk be requested and directed to count the ballots, seal them up, and hold them subject to the order of the town. That they be requested to report the result of their count at the adjourned meeting.

Voted, To adjourn to Wednesday, March 12, 1879, at 7.30 P.M.

ADJOURNED MEETING, MARCH 12, 1879.

ART. 3. — *Voted*, To reconsider the vote whereby fifteen hundred dollars was appropriated at former meeting for concrete sidewalks.

Voted, That the sum of one thousand dollars be raised to make concrete sidewalks opposite all estates whose owners will obligate themselves to pay one-half the expense of the same, at a price not exceeding thirty-three cents per yard, — work to be performed under the supervision of the Selectmen in the order applied for.

ART. 5. — *Voted*, To indefinitely postpone.

ART. 6. — Referred to the Selectmen.

ART. 7. — *Voted*, That all taxes be made payable on or before Oct. 1, 1879, and that interest be added upon all taxes remaining unpaid after that date, at the rate of seven per centum per annum. That all property on which the taxes remain unpaid on June 1, 1880, be sold by the Collector, in accordance with the provisions of law.

Voted, That the Treasurer shall keep an account with the Collector. That the Assessors shall certify to the Treasurer the amount of taxes given to the Collector for collection; also certify monthly the amount of abatements made by them, if any. That the Collector shall turn in to the Treasurer, with his collections, the stubs of the tax-bills, giving him the amount collected for interest, the stubs to be held by him subject to the call of the Auditors.

Voted, That the Selectmen cause the bell upon the Town Hall to be rung every evening at nine o'clock, said ringing to be included in the duties of the Janitor, without additional expense to the town.

The Selectmen submitted a list of persons for the offices named below, which was accepted and adopted: —

Measurers of Wood and Bark, Weighers of Hay and Coal, Seth E. Benson, James D. Littlefield. Surveyor of Lumber, Henry A. Leonard. Committee on Cemeteries, George Newhall, Nathaniel Howard, John Larrabee. Field-Drivers, Otis Howard, Horace W. Cushman, Frank Gibbons, Henry B. Newhall, Marcus Malcolm. Fence-Viewers, Aaron Green, Charles T. Stevens. Police Officers, A. B. Pierce, H. B. Newhall, Joseph Holbrook, H. W. Cushman, Ami Chick, Henry Robinson, Samuel L. Walton. Sealer of Weights and Measures, A. B. Pierce. Lock-up and Pound Keeper, Samuel L. Walton.

ART. 2. — The Moderator presented a report showing the result of a recount of the ballots cast at meeting held March 3. He then defined his position as presiding officer, and amended his former declaration by declaring the time for which the School Committee were chosen, — Mrs. Ann M. Kunhardt and Mrs. Maria W. Currier for three years, and Miss Phœbe A. Norris for two years, — and that

J. F. Boyd was elected to the office of Selectman, in place of Osmore Jenkins, erroneously declared elected at former meeting.

Voted, To adjourn sine die.

MEETING, MARCH 26, 1879.

ART. 1. — Chose Levi S. Gould, Moderator. A letter was read from Mr. Osmore Jenkins, in which he resigned the position to which he was declared elected by the Moderator at meeting held March 3, 1879.

ART. 3. — *Voted, To reduce the several sums raised and appropriated March 3, 1879, as follows:—*

For lighting streets	\$300 00
drainage	200 00
highways	400 00
Public Library	200 00
salaries of Board of Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, and Board of Health	250 00
salaries, Assessors	50 00
salaries, Water Commissioners	50 00

Voted, To dissolve the meeting.

MEETING, NOV. 4, 1879.

ART. 2. — Chose Moses Briggs, Moderator.

ART. 3. — *Voted, To accept and adopt the jury list as presented by the Selectmen, and revised by the meeting.*

ART. 4. — *Voted, That the vote passed be rescinded, and that the bell be not rung as directed.*

ART. 5. — Referred to the Selectmen, with full powers to act according to their best judgment.

ART. 6. — *Voted, That the matter be referred to the Selectmen, with full power to act in the premises, and that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow such sum of money as the Selectmen may deem necessary to pay the expense of same.*

ART. 7. — *Voted, That the bill be referred to the selectmen, and that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow such sum to pay the same as the Selectmen shall approve.*

ART. 8. — *Voted, That the Collector be instructed to take such action as he may deem proper for the collection of poll taxes now due, and that the town will exonerate him from all liabilities, and indemnify him for all proper expenses incurred.*

ARTICLE 1. — VOTE OF MELROSE FOR STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS.

For Governor.

John D. Long of Hingham	445
Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell	204
John Quincy Adams of Quincy	22
Daniel C. Eddy	1
Henry A. Bush	1

For Lieutenant-Governor.

Byron Weston of Dalton	456
Albert C. Woodworth of Chicopee	191
William R. Plunkett of Pittsfield	23

For Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Henry B. Peirce of Abington	492
Michael T. Donohoe of Somerville	181

For Treasurer and Receiver-General.

Charles Endicott of Canton	459
David N. Skillings of Winchester	196
George Dutton of Springfield	18

For Auditor.

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield	459
Davis J. King of Boston	191
Charles R. Field of Greenfield	23

For Attorney-General.

George Marston of New Bedford	460
William D. Northend of Salem	172
Richard Olney of Boston	23
Horace Binney Sargent of Salem	18

For Councillor, Sixth District.

George Heywood of Concord	461
John C. Sanborn of Lawrence	212

For Senator, Sixth Middlesex District.

Daniel Russell of Melrose	532
James Skinner of Woburn	126
Charles H. Lang of Reading	14

For County Commissioner.

Daniel G. Walton of Wakefield	461
Thomas H. Hill of Woburn	210

For County Treasurer.

Amos Stone of Everett	456
Alden Warren of Groton	196
David D. Hart of Woburn	18

For Sheriff.

Eben W. Fiske of Waltham	467
John A. G. Richardson of Lowell	205

For District Attorney, Northern District.

John W. Hammond of Cambridge	461
James J. McCafferty of Lowell	209

For Register of Deeds, Southern Middlesex District.

Charles B. Stevens of Cambridge	673
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For Representative, Ninth Middlesex District.

Joseph D. Wilde of Melrose	499
John P. Deering of Melrose	160
George A. Griffin	3
Aaron Green	1

STATISTICS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS, IN
THE TOWN OF MELROSE, DURING THE YEAR 1879.

	BIRTHS.	MARRIAGES.	DEATHS.
January	6	5	5
February	10	6	5
March	8	—	4
April	7	2	6
May	11	2	7
June	4	1	3
July	3	6	8
August	13	2	5
September	8	4	5
October	5	6	4
November	11	4	1
December	7	5	11
	<hr/> 93	<hr/> 43	<hr/> 64

BIRTHS.

Number registered	100
Males	43
Females	57

Of the above number,

93 were born in Melrose.

7 were born in other places.

Born of American parents	73
of foreign parents	13
of American father and foreign mother	9
of foreign father and American mother	5
	<hr/> 100

INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGES RECORDED.

Whole number of couples	42
Both parties residing in Melrose	18
But one party residing in Melrose	23
Both parties residing out of town	1
	<hr/> 42

MARRIAGES.

Whole number	43
More than last year	4
Both parties American	36
Both parties foreign	4
Parties American and foreign	3
	—
	43
First marriage of persons	73
Second marriage of persons	11
Third marriage of persons	2
	—
	86 — 43 couples.

DEATHS.

Whole number	64
More than last year	3
Males (married)	12
Females (married)	13
Widows	7
Widowers	1
Males (single)	3
Females (single)	4
Male children	10
Female children	14
	— 64

Diseases, or Causes of Deaths.

Apoplexia, 1; asthenia, 1; brain disease, 1; cause unknown (found dead), 1; chronic gastritis, 1; consumption, 4; cancer of liver, 2; cerebral apoplexy, 1; cholera infantum, 1; cancer uteri, 1; cancer of brain, 1; cirrhosis of liver, 1; cerebral congestion, 1; debility and softening of brain, 1; dropsy and inflammation of lungs, 1; diabetes mellitus, 1; diphtheria, 7; dysentery, 1; dropsy and albuminaria, 1; endocarditis, 1; erysipelas, 1; embolism, 1; eclampsia infantum, 1; hemorrhage of bowels, 1; heart disease, 1; heart dropsy, 1; inanition, 1; morbus (Bright's), 1; ovarian tumor, 1; old age and debility, 1; pneumonia, 1; paralysis from fall, 1; prostatic hypertrophy, 1; puerperal metritis, 1; pregnancy and congestion of lungs, 1; peritonitis and injury, 1; phthisis, 1; pulmonary tuberculosis, 3; pericarditis, 1; pyetitis following chronic cystitis, 1; scarlatina anginosa, 1; spasm glottis, 1; stillborn, 4; stricture of urethra, 1; tuberculosis, 1; teething and bowel complaint, 1; valvular heart disease and dropsy, 2; valvular heart disease and Bright's disease, 1.

DOG LICENSES.

Number of dogs licensed during the year 1879, 208 males and 8 females ; total, 216.

Amount paid to County Treasurer, as required by law, \$412.80

Section 3 of Article 2, Town By-Laws, provides that no money shall be paid from the treasury, excepting State and county taxes, notes, and interest thereon, except upon the presentation of a proper voucher, which shall require the approval of the majority of the Selectmen. After such approval, it shall be the duty of the Town Clerk to draw an order upon the Treasurer for the required amount, retaining the voucher in his possession.

In accordance with the above by-law, 1,454 orders have been drawn upon the Town Treasurer for the sum of \$37,383.71.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN LARRABEE,

Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1879.

Date.	Name.	Sex.	Names of Parents.	Occupation of Father.
Jan. 1 .	Annie Mary Fielding .	Female.	Thomas C. and Mary J.	Publisher.
" 2 .	Eva May Ryder .	Female.	Thomas J. and Mary E.	Clerk.
" 8 .	Helen Drake .	Female.	Henry C. and Lois A. .	Clerk.
" 10 .	Alice Meade .	Female.	Thomas H. and Anastatia	Blacksmith.
" 19 .	Florence Helen Mason .	Female.	William W. and Sarah P.	Merchant.
" 22 .	Katherine Finnegan .	Female.	Daniel and Lizzie .	Laborer.
" 29 .	Joseph Henry Wheeler *	Male	James L. and Sarepta E.	Moulder.
Feb. 3 .	Edward Asa Sawyer .	Male	Charles H. and Clara E.	Book-keeper.
" 5 .	Maud Parker Grant .	Female.	Daniel A. and Abbie A.	Clerk.
" 6 .	Mary Elizabeth Damon	Female.	Samuel T. and Lydia A.	Machinist.
" 10 .	— Woodman * .	Female.	George W. and Martha	Merchant.
" 14 .	Florence Elizabeth Loring	Female.	Eleazar and Jessie .	Manufacturer.
" 14 .	Anastatia Riley .	Female.	William and Mary J. .	Laborer.
" 18 .	Alice May Downing .	Female.	E. Herbert and L. Addie	Shoe-cutter.
" 19 .	Mary Ida Newhall .	Female.	Stephen O. and Lizzie A.	Carpenter.
" 19 .	Charles Edward Copeland	Male .	Charles S. and A. Louisa	Confectioner.
" 20 .	Gertrude Swenson *	Female.	Olof and Lena .	Blacksmith.
" 20 .	Philip Cassell .	Male	Thomas and Bridget .	Laborer.
" 24 .	Anna Martha Jackson .	Female.	John F. and Gertrude J.	Stable-keeper.
Mar. 10 .	Mary Ellen Maroney .	Female.	Thomas F. and Mary .	Driver.
" 19 .	Lucy May Westgate .	Female.	Herbert F. and Sarah V. .	Insurance agent.
" 21 .	Waldo Gilman Wildes .	Male .	George L. and Elizabeth N.	Railroad clerk.
" 26 .	Elsie May Anderson .	Female.	John H. L. and Abbie M.	Watchman.
" 26 .	Almira Fenno Safford .	Female.	George A. and Mary M.	Merchant

* Born elsewhere.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1879 — Continued.

Date.	Name.	Sex.	Names of Parents.	Occupation of Father.
Mar. 28 .	Ida May Hunt .	Female .	George and Elizabeth .	Peddler.
" 30 .	Charles Franklin Follansbee .	Male .	Tristram F. and Fannie .	Hostler.
" 31 .	John Joseph Leonard .	Male .	Lawrence and Ellen .	Grocer.
April 1 .	Bradlee Williams .	Male .	William L. and Elizabeth F. .	Salesman.
" 4 .	Nellie May Waitt .	Female .	Andrew and Nellie .	Harness-maker.
" 9 .	George Sumner Snowden .	Male .	George H. and Alice J. .	Laborer.
" 20 .	Alice Florence Brown .	Female .	Herbert M. and M. Florence .	Tinsmith.
" 28 .	Annie Dempsey .	Female .	William and Anna M. .	Shoemaker.
" 29 .	Mabel Elms .	Female .	Jason O. and Ann .	Poultry-dealer.
" 30 .	Ralph Emory Smith .	Male .	Emory B. and Mary E. .	Counsellor.
May 4 .	James Choate Loubard .	Male .	James N. and Anna P. .	Picture-dealer.
" 6 .	Sadie Alice Noyes .	Female .	Patrick H. and Mary A. .	Currier.
" 10 .	Ethel Bartlett Mayall .	Female .	George W. and Lydia C. .	Book-keeper.
" 12 .	John George McConnell .	Male .	John G. and Bertha .	Engraver.
" 19 .	Henry Louis Clark Baldwin .	Male .	Charles D. and Elizabeth .	Baker.
" 22 .	Ina Geneva Richardson .	Female .	Lewis H. and Angelina F. .	Laborer.
" 24 .	Eliza Collins .	Female .	Dennis and Eliza J. .	Bookbinder.
" 26 .	Cora Dolby Ford .	Female .	Arthur E. and Mary J. .	Bookbinder.
" 29 .	Mary Emily Holmes .	Female .	Albert D. and Lizzie J. .	Merchant.
" 30 .	Ralph Waldo Smith .	Male .	William R. and Elizabeth A. .	Confectioner.
" 31 .	Annie Marguerite Moorhouse .	Female .	S. Woodbridge and Isabel .	Commission merchant.
June 1 .	Roger Williams Potter * .	Male .	Arthur R. and Ella A. .	Collector.
" 14 .	James Francis Rorke .	Male .	John and Ann .	Shoemaker.
" 19 .	Levi Martin .	Male .	Jeremiah and Sarah E. .	Shoemaker.
" 26 .	— Parker .	Female .	Albon W. and S. Carrie .	Painter.
" 26 .	William Avery Howard .	Male .	Charles H. and Maggie T. .	Wood-turner.

July 23 .	Kendall Brooks Harris	Male	Robert M. and Eloise D.	Agent.
" 28 .	John William Creeden .	Male	Timothy and Joanna	Laborer.
" 29 .	Agnes Griffin .	Female	Bryam and Bridget	Laborer.
Aug. 2 .	Lilla Florence Ballou *	Female	Henry E. and Abbie M.	Dentist.
" 4 .	Ralph Edward Carlisle .	Male	Edward A. and Ida F. .	Book-keeper.
" 5 .	Carrie Albertha Stevens	Female	Albert H. and Fauny M.	Shoemaker.
" 6 .	Bertha Withrow Leighton	Female	Leonard S. and Mary H.	Book-keeper.
" 14 .	Gertrude Foster Moore	Female	Eugene H. and Annie L.	Farmer.
" 15 .	Charles Arthur Geist .	Male	Justus and Mary .	Florist.
" 20 .	Hollis Haskell Sargent.	Male	Edwin N. and Rubie S.	Carpenter.
" 23 .	Paul Leroy Barrett .	Male	Willie A. and Emma W.	Engineer.
" 24 .	Marion Carleton .	Female	S. Augustus and Annie F.	Hatter.
" 25 .	Emmie Emily Stewart .	Female	William H. and Emily	Carpenter.
" 25 .	Victor Edward Kirmes .	Male	Victor C. and Hannah M.	Clerk.
" 26 .	— Upham .	Male	W. H. Winthrop and Josephine A.	Bookbinder.
" 28 .	Ella Gertrude Hopkins.	Female	Lewis T. and Hattie E.	Book-keeper.
" 29 .	Johanna McLaughlin .	Female	John and Mary .	Laborer.
Sept. 1 .	Augustus G. Ames .	Male	Benjamin and Lucy J. .	Carpenter.
" 15 .	George Ernest Thompson	Male	George A. and Isabel .	Shoemaker.
" 15 .	Carlisle Maxwell Carpenter	Male	Maxwell and Mattie H.	Shoemaker.
" 19 .	— Twitchell .	Female	Maynard and Mary A. .	Carpenter.
" 22 .	— Brown .	Male	Henry and Nellie M. .	Salesman.
" 23 .	Lena Trowbridge .	Female	Charles H. and Georgietta	Painter.
" 25 .	Laura Worth .	Female	Henry W. and Hannah L.	Shoemaker.
" 26 .	William Bary .	Male	Royal P. and Eleanor M.	Merchant.
Oct. 5 .	Ruth Amber Parker .	Female	David O. and Serena .	Butcher.
" 6 .	Maud DeHaven Howard	Female	Frank G. and Carrie W.	Clerk.
" 8 .	— Brown .	Male	Joel W. and Ellen O. .	Machinist.
" 14 .	Robert Abbott Perkins *	Male	Edwin C. and Belle M.	Clerk.
" 15 .	James Edward Colter *	Male	James F. and Minnie Holmes	Waiter.
" 25 .	Charles Augustus Grover	Male	George W. and Arianna	Laborer.

* Born elsewhere.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1879 — CONCLUDED.

Date.	Name.	Sex.	Names of Parents.	Occupation of Father.
Oct. 30 .	Alta Ethel Lynde .	Female .	Henry and Sarah A. .	Farmer.
Nov. 6 .	— Howes .	Male .	Solomon L. and Mary J. .	Tinsmith.
" 7 .	Marion Houghton Dutton .	Female .	Harry and Alice M. .	Merchant.
" 8 .	Llewellyn Leon Perry .	Male .	George W. and Mary J. .	Steam-fitter.
" 9 .	— Reagh .	Female .	Charles T. and Grace E. .	Electrotyping.
" 14 .	— Double .	Female .	George E. and Hattie M. .	Book-keeper.
" 14 .	Alice May Kyle .	Female .	James D. and Helen L. .	Baker.
" 17 .	George Stanley Morse .	Male .	George L. and Sarah E. .	Merchant.
" 20 .	Emma Storer Welden .	Female .	Obed B. and Nellie L. .	Salesman.
" 21 .	— Sache .	Male .	William C. and Marion E. .	Broker.
" 21 .	Allen Jones Harris .	Male .	Gilbert N. and Celinda S. .	Counsellor.
" 27 .	Alfred Coleman Simpson .	Male .	Charles H. and Emily C. .	Carpenter.
Dec. 2 .	Mary Goggin .	Female .	John and Barbara .	Laborer.
" 2 .	Lizzie Frances Currier .	Female .	John K. and Lillie .	Tailor.
" 7 .	Nathaniel Owen McCrillis .	Male .	J. Walter and Louise .	Book-keeper.
" 10 .	— Snow .	Female .	Eugene A. and Susan A. .	Custom-house broker.
" 11 .	— Zaphy .	Female .	John C. and Mary E. .	Cabinet-maker.
" 27 .	— Rich .	Female .	Walter H. and Annie M. .	Salt-sman.
" 30 .	— Johnson .	Female .	Luther N. and Ella W. .	Salesman.

REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

OUR records for the past year show but few fires and small losses.

The Department, when called upon, has responded promptly ; and it is largely due to that fact, and the efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties, that the losses have been no greater.

We believe that few towns can boast of as good a Fire Department as ours, both as regards men, and the facilities for extinguishing fires. We have but one drawback to which we deem it our duty to call the attention of the town. With the force of water as small as it has been during the past six months, some of the best portions of our town are not protected as they should be. We refer to residences on the more elevated places, where hydrant-streams are practically useless. Our only reliance at such times is the old "Endeavor" hand-engine, a machine which has done good service in the past, and which we cannot now afford to wholly abandon.

The carriages, hose, and equipments are in good condition. An examination of the different houses will convince our citizens that the property committed to the Department is well cared for, and that the companies take pride in keeping the same in good order.

The house occupied by the Russell Hose Company should be re-shingled ; and, for the proper care of the hose, alterations must be made in the tower.

A list of fire losses is appended below.

For the repairs mentioned and the running expenses, we ask an appropriation of \$2,000.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. THOMAS.

L. F. HINCKLEY.

F. E. HOWE.

FIRES.

					Loss.
Feb.	1.	Planing-mill, J. C. Ingalls	.	.	\$900 00
Feb.	21.	Dwelling-house, Mrs. Lans	.	.	30 00
March	28.	Dwelling-house, William J. Farnsworth	.	.	2 00
April	24.	Barn, John Hawkins	.	.	300 00
May	23.	Dwelling-house, Henry Woods	.	.	350 00
June	19.	Dwelling-house, George L. Hemmenway	.	.	450 00
July	5.	Barn, Thomas Keating	.	.	150 00
Oct.	15.	Coal-shed, Johnathan Barrett	.	.	40 00
Nov.	6.	Barn, Upham Brothers	.	.	75 00

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

FOR 1879.

Number of inhabitants	4,365
of children five to fifteen years of age	840
of dwellings	1,002
of horses	263
of cows	171
of dogs	229
of acres of land taxed, about	2,700
Value of real estate	\$3,340,250 00
of personal estate	326,093 00
Total valuation	<u>\$3,666,343 00</u>
Rate of taxation, \$15 per \$1,000.	
Amount of appropriations	\$51,861 55
of State tax	1,190 00
of county tax	1,719 22
of overlay	2,630 37
	<u>\$57,401 14</u>
Number of polls, 1,203.	
Amount of tax on polls	\$2,406 00
of tax on personal estate	4,891 39
of tax on real estate	50,103 75
	<u>\$57,401 14</u>
Amount of warrant committed to collector	\$57,401 14
Additional assessments	396 00
Additional assessments, women	97 05
	<u>\$57,894 19</u>

ABATEMENTS, 1879.

29. Barrett, Charles (estate).	\$7 25
39. Boardman, George F.	2 25
102. Cutler, Mrs. Abigail	6 13
109. Cobb, Mrs. H. L.	9 00
	<u>\$24 63</u>
Amount carried forward	

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$24 63
110. Crocker, George W. (estate)	.	.	.	.	.	.	46 12
135. Clark, Asaph	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 75
143. Clinkard, Mrs. C. W.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 12
157. Dean, Mrs. Sarah A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 50
176. Eastman, Mrs. S. E.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 25
227. Fiske, Mrs. Samuel	.	.	.	.	.	.	26 63
244. Gallagher, Mrs. Kate	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 13
280. Hurley, John (estate)	.	.	.	.	.	.	8 10
306. Howard, Mrs. M. E.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 62
326. Jacobs, Mrs. G. C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 75
367. Lynde, Miss Sarah	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
377. Leonard, Lawrence	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 50
388. Leland, C. M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
423. McLaughlin, Mrs. Rachael	.	.	.	.	.	.	6 38
433. Miles, Levi (estate)	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 50
493. Pratt, Mrs. Achsah	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 87
505. Phillips, Mrs. Olivia	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 25
572. Stackpole, Joanna M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 75
603. Sewall, S. E. (trustee)	.	.	.	.	.	.	22 50
613. Twombly, Mrs. S. S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 50
616. Terry, Robert H.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
635. Vinton, Mrs. Mary G.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 87
670. Wilson, Mrs. Nancy U.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19 88
676. Woodward, Mrs. Elizabeth	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 50
686. Wheeler, Mrs. Mary A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8 37
747. Bliss, Willie I.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
839. Dennis & Co.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 25
963. Holbrook & Lafreniere	.	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
990. Hyde, George S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
1,022. Jacobs, George H. O.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
1,028. Jeffts, Eben G.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
1,146. Merrill, D. Newman	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
1,225. Ripley, Marcus P.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
1,269. Stones, Benjamin	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
1,308. Simonds, Thomas F.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
1,369. Wheeler, James L.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
1,453. Butler, Mrs. Z.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 50
1,493. Clapp, Benjamin, & Co.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$306 72

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$306 72
1,560. Green, Mrs. Peter	1 12
1,647. Marshall, Mrs. L.	2 75
1,670. O'Riley, Mrs. Mary A.	7 50
1,761. Trafton, Otis F.	3 25
1,763. Tudor Ice Company	30 00
1,773. Whitney, Mrs. Hiram	19 75
1,795. Wilson, Mrs. Nancy S.	5 50
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	\$376 59

Net amount Jan. 1, 1880 \$57,517 60

GEO. C. STANTIAL,
JAS. C. CURRIER,
DEXTER PRATT,
Assessors of Melrose for 1879.

FOR 1878.

Amount of Collector's book	\$50,516 43
Additional assessments in 1878	582 98
Additional assessments in 1879	300 25
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	\$51,399 66
Abatements in 1878, as per last report	612 96
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	\$50,786 70

ABATEMENTS FOR 1878 DURING 1879.

Avery, Mrs. H. A.	\$7 62
Boynton, J. E.	2 00
Brooks, A. H. (re-assessed)	27 90
Barry, Mrs. Eliza (twice taxed)	21 60
Bragdon, E. A. (twice taxed)	21 00
Clinkard, Mrs. C.	6 54
Cleaveland, E. R., jun.	2 00
Dennis, Charles	2 40
Downes, Sophia	3 70
Edmonds, Charles H. (re-assessed)	48 60
Erickson, H. (twice taxed)	27 00
Green, Elbridge (re-assessed)	60 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$230 36

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$230 36
Grover, George	2 00
Grubb, John, heirs (twice taxed)	.	.	.	.	.	26 10
Hunt, Mrs. N. K.	.	.	.	.	.	7 50
Hunt, Charles F. (re-assessed)	.	.	.	.	.	4 32
Howard, Cynthia (heirs)	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
Locke, William	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Littlefield, Fred D.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Morgan, Miss C.	.	.	.	.	.	6 16
Newhall, George (re-assessed)	.	.	.	.	.	2 43
Noyes, F. J.	.	.	.	.	.	60
O'Riley, Mrs. Mary A.	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
Paulette, Henry	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Roe, Mrs. Ai (estate)	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
Robinson, Lucius	.	.	.	.	.	4 62
Simonds, J. W.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Stevens, Harry	.	.	.	.	.	1 80
Stevens, Mrs. S. E.	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
Sargent, Mrs. W. P.	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
Stevens & Dennis	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
Stevens, Mrs. C. A.	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
Skelton, E. O.	.	.	.	.	.	42 20
Swan, Thomas (re-assessed)	.	.	.	.	.	22 10
Tisdale, Maynard	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Tisdale, William	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Terwilleger, L. T.	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
Whitney, J. L. (re-assessed)	.	.	.	.	.	18 80
Waite, Pelatiah	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
Woodward, George (twice taxed)	.	.	.	.	.	53 78
Wiley, N. C.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Young, E. H.	.	.	.	.	.	4 20
Earle, Louis	.	.	.	.	.	1 60
Fenno, J., & Blake	.	.	.	.	.	14 10
French, Dr. Nathan (re-assessed)	.	.	.	.	.	39 90
Grundy, William	.	.	.	.	.	3 30
Kittredge, Alvah (heirs)	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
Lans, Mrs. G. A. (estate)	.	.	.	.	.	36
Lans, Mrs. G. A.	.	.	.	.	.	3 10

Amount carried forward \$548 83

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$703 84
Johnson, John, 2d	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 12
Keyes, James D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Killian, James	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Lynde, George	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Mann, Charles	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Morcomb, Peter	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Polk, C. W. B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16 40
Poole, J. M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 60
Pratt, Nathan	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Phillips, Frank	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Richardson, H. C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 60
Russ, Gerry	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Simonds, H. F.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Sweet, Charles	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Sanborn, Charles	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Sweeney, Patrick	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Spear, William	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Wilder, Charles B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Webb, William	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
York, Josiah	2 00
Grundy, Joseph, jun.	2 00
Chandler, Edward	2 00
Hoffman, Christian	48
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								\$770 04
Net amount Jan. 1, 1880	\$50,016 66

GEO. C. STANTIAL,
 JAS. C. CURRIER,
 DEXTER PRATT,
Assessors of Melrose for 1879.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR 1878.

Amount of warrant	\$50,451 62
Add excess on tax list	64 81
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Amount of Collector's book	\$50,516 43
Additional assessments in 1878	582 98
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	\$51,099 41
Abatements, as per report of 1878	612 96
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	\$50,486 45
Interest collected to Jan. 1, 1879	23 81
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	\$50,510 26
Paid Treasurer, as per report of 1878	29,234 91
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Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1879	\$21,275 35
Additional assessments in 1879	300 25
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	\$21,575 60
Abatements in 1879 (see Assessors' report)	770 04
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	\$20,805 56
Interest collected to Jan. 1, 1880	814 37
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	\$21,619 93
Paid Treasurer in 1879	20,500 80
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Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1880	\$1,119 13

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR 1879.

Amount of warrant and Collector's book as received		
from the Assessors		\$57,401 14
Additional assessments		396 00
Additional assessments, women		97 05
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		\$57,894 19
Abatements (see Assessors' report)		376 59
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		\$57,517 60
Interest collected to Jan. 1, 1880		50 03
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		\$57,567 63
Paid Treasurer		32,453 09
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Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1880		\$25,114 54

Respectfully submitted.

J. R. JONES, *Collector.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

EXPENSES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO JAN. 1, 1880.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Alonzo G. Whitman, High School, one year	\$1,500 00	
Emma A. J. Bugbee, High School, one year	750 00	
Frances M. Henshaw, High School, one year	500 00	
	<hr style="width: 50px; margin-left: 0;"/>	\$2,750 00
Marie H. Friend, First Grammar, eight weeks	\$130 00	
Marie H. Friend, First Grammar, ten weeks, two days	180 00	
Caroline E. Southwick, First Grammar, eight weeks	80 00	
Caroline E. Southwick, First Grammar, ten weeks	118 75	
Caroline E. Southwick, First Grammar, twenty-two weeks	330 00	
Lydia C. Nye, First Grammar, twenty-two weeks	247 50	
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Lucy W. Bisbee, Second Grammar, Emerson Street, one year	550 00	
Julia M. Porter, Second Grammar, Centre, one year	550 00	
Susan D. Melcher, Third Grammar, Emerson Street, two months	\$100 00	
Susan D. Melcher, Third Grammar, Emerson Street, eight months	424 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>		<hr style="width: 50px; margin-left: 0;"/> \$5,460 25

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$5,460 25
Emma M. Cate, Third Grammar, Centre, two months	\$100 00	
Emma M. Cate, Third Grammar, Centre, eight months	424 00	
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Chastine Emerson, Intermediate Centre, one year		450 00
Alice H. Long, Intermediate, Vinton Street, one year,		400 00
Kate W. Bascom, Intermediate, Lynde Street, one year,		400 00
Lydia Mendum, Upper School, Green Street, two months	\$90 00	
Lydia Mendum, Upper School, Green Street, eight months	384 00	
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Clara I. Nichols, Lower School, Green Street, one month	\$36 00	
Clara I. Nichols, Lower School, Green Street, nine months	360 00	
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Myra B. Whitney, Mixed School, Highlands, one year,		400 00
M. W. Bachelder, Mixed School, Upham Street, one year		400 00
Mary M. Gilman, Primary, Lynde Street, one year		450 00
Hannah F. Lewis, Primary, Vinton Street, two months	\$80 00	
Hannah F. Lewis, Primary, Vinton Street, eight months	360 00	
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Florence B. Howland, Primary, Centre, one year		400 00
Mrs. G. N. Bordman, music-teacher, six months	\$165 00	
C. E. Whiting, music-teacher, four months,	110 00	
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		\$10,469 25

JANITORS' SALARIES.

Augustus Durant	\$275 00
W. Truman Howard	168 25
Benjamin Stones	100 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$543 25

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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$543 25
Joseph W. Sinonds	100 00
William F. Serrat	95 75
John Singer	50 00
Eri Upham	50 00
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							\$839 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S SALARIES.

1878-79.

Royal P. Barry, Chairman	\$75 00
Moses S. Page	50 00
Lafayette Burr	50 00
Everett W. Burdett	50 00
Phoebe A. Norris	50 00
Ann M. Kunhardt	50 00
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							\$325 00

FUEL.

S. E. Benson, wood and coal	\$494 50
J. McCarthy, charcoal	16 83
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							\$511 33

RECAPITULATION.

SALARIES.

Teachers	\$10,469 25
Janitors	839 00
Committee	325 00
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							\$11,633 25
Fuel	511 33
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							\$12,144 58

CONTRA.

Appropriation	\$12,500 00
Balance from last year	1,858 76
Received from State	180 43
Received from Charles Toppan for tuition of daughter in High School	25 00
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					\$14,564 19

Balance unexpended	2,419 61
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						\$14,564 19

SCHOOL CONTINGENT.

Appropriation \$1,700 00

EXPENDED.

C. A. Eastman, books and stationery	\$70 36
Willard Small, books	60 60
E. Prang & Co., manuals, &c.	26 43
Ginn & Heath, music-charts and easel	29 80
J. H. Daniels, diplomas	26 25
M. B. Hopkins, ribbons	4 40
Lee & Shepard, books	2 97
N. E. School Furnishing Co., kindergarten goods, &c.	37 75
Thomas Groom & Co., paper	3 90
M. R. Warren & Co., paper	5 50
Knight, Adams, & Co., paper	3 25
Hooper, Lewis, & Co., pens	18 75
Maynard & Noyes, ink	16 00
Babb & Stephens, printing programmes	14 00
L. B. Wilder & Co., printing extra reports	15 00
T. W. Ripley, printing cards, &c.	13 00
R. P. Haines, blanks	1 25
P. D. Meston, binding books	11 00
J. L. Hammett, sundries, rewards, charts, crayons, &c.	32 30
A. G. Whitcomb, furniture, desks, and pedestals	71 25
Lawrence Wilde & Co., chairs	3 00
Braman, Souther, & Co., table and hassocks	9 00
S. P. Rowell, repairing furniture	6 65
R. P. Barry, supplies furnished	8 25
M. S. Page, supplies furnished	1 77
Kate Gallagher, cleaning rooms, High-school building	30 00
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	6 69
James Worthen, sundries	5 25
L. W. Gilman, sundries	6 05
John Singer, jun., sundries	4 25
W. H. Wells, sundries	2 15
B. O. & G. C. Wilson, disinfectants	4 05
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$550 87</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$550 87
Orne Upham, wood	3 13
M. F. Eastman, expressing	8 55
Henry Barron, expressing	2 50
R. A. Freeman, carting settees	18 50
Walter B. Ellis, 270½ square yards concrete walks	91 96
Walter B. Ellis, labor	3 00
Joel Atwood, carpenter-work, stock, &c.	178 04
A. E. Upham, carpenter-work	1 00
J. P. Deering & Co., lumber	49 11
Densmore & Brackett, doors and windows	14 50
Samuel Ellison, mason-work	80 00
J. C. Howes, repairing furnaces, stoves, and water-pipes	215 07
Holbrook & Lafreniere, plumbing	6 80
George W. Dew, painting buildings, graining, &c.	145 00
F. T. & C. E. Palmer, painting buildings, glazing, &c.	90 80
Albon W. Parker, painting buildings, glazing, &c.	68 60
Mitchell & Vanbuskirk, iron-work	50
Thomas Ireland, cleaning clock	2 00
Joseph Holbrook, repairing and cleaning clocks	3 50
C. E. Keith, tuning and repairing piano	4 00
S. L. Walton, moving seats	3 50
James Fleming, labor	2 00
Benjamin Stones, labor	5 00
John Singer, repairs	2 25
H. W. Cushman, truant-officer, services 41½ hours	10 37
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	\$1,560 55
Balance unexpended	139 45
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	\$1,700 00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

EXPENDED.

For Groceries, Provisions, Supplies, &c.

Bugbee & Barrett, groceries and provisions	\$323 28
L. F. Hinckley, groceries and provisions	212 45
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$535 73

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$535 73
William H. Wells, groceries	285 21
L. W. Gilman, groceries and provisions	.	.	.	.	.	165 81
T. J. Kimball, groceries	.	.	.	.	.	59 04
M. C. Trow, groceries	.	.	.	.	.	76 09
James Worthen, groceries	.	.	.	.	.	119 50
C. S. Dennis & Co., provisions	.	.	.	.	.	13 41
C. F. Shute, milk	.	.	.	.	.	21 63
S. H. Nowell, milk	.	.	.	.	.	13 13
G. R. White, milk	.	.	.	.	.	10 79
Michael Fleming, milk	.	.	.	.	.	2 80
B. R. Upham, supplies, including rent	.	.	.	.	.	64 70
W. J. Farnsworth, supplies, including rent	.	.	.	.	.	72 00
S. A. Stevens, supplies, including rent	.	.	.	.	.	104 00
N. D. Blake, cash paid Stephen Hyde	51 50
Daniel Norton, jun., cash paid Stephen Hyde	45 00
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						\$1,640 34

Fuel.

S. E. Benson, wood and coal	\$193 25
Robert Philpot, wood and coal	28 25
James Marshall, wood and coal	66 42
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						\$287 92

Medical Attendance, Medicine, Nursing Sick, &c.

J. Richmond Barss, M.D.	\$51 00
G. B. Langmaid, M.D.	.	.	.	.	.	18 50
J. S. Clark, M.D.	.	.	.	.	.	26 50
J. Vincent Smith, M.D.	.	.	.	.	.	55 00
J. Heber Smith, M.D.	.	.	.	.	.	21 00
John Larrabee, medicines	.	.	.	.	.	33 10
P. M. Dewolfe, medicines	.	.	.	.	.	2 25
Jeremiah Casey, care of H. Kramer	.	.	.	.	.	40 50
Mrs. Sanborn, care of Mrs. Jefts	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
N. Q. Bachelder, care of George Lynde	242 00
Mary E. Cushman, care of George Lynde	3 00
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						\$498 85

Burial Expenses.

Ansel B. Pierce, burial E. Fitzhenry	\$25 50
Nathaniel Howard, burial Charles A. Grover	8 50
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	\$34 00

For Support of Insane Persons.

Worcester Lunatic Hospital	\$275 19
Asylum Chronic Insane	359 01
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	59 15
A. B. Pierce, services and expenses removing persons	12 10
H. B. Newhall, services	2 00
John Gately, services	10 00
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	\$717 45

For Relief of Persons out of Town.

City of Boston	\$55 91
City of Somerville	106 30
Town of Stoneham	24 87
Town of Woburn	103 61
Town of Watertown	15 82
Town of Malden	300 75
J. P. Murphy, guardian A. M. Kelly, supplies, rent, &c.	246 29
J. B. Kimball & Son, supplies to Charles Howard	15 00
John S. Hill, supplies to Charles Howard	15 00
W. L. Prouty, supplies to Charles Howard	180 00
D. W. Fitzgerald, coal delivered to Charles Howard	9 50
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	\$1,073 05

For Rents.

Estate S. A. Lynde, 13 months, H. F. Simonds	\$65 00
Estate S. A. Lynde, 3 months, G. A. Palmer	15 00
Thomas Mahan, 1 year, Mrs. Fitzhenry	72 00
M. J. Ellis, 1 year, Mrs. Sanborn	96 00
Patrick Murphy, 13 months, Henry Kramer	58 50
Jeremiah Crowley, 5 months, Mrs. Connell	25 00
John Warren, 5 months, J. Callahan	25 00
Mary Henney, 1 year, Ellen McCarty	60 00
John W. Cobb, 9 months, R. H. Terry	36 00
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Amount carried forward	\$452 50

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$452 50
John Gately, 9 months, William Dutton	58 50
A. B. Rogers, 3 months, William Dutton	10 50
Dexter Bryant, 6 months, Edward Moore	30 00
A. W. Lynde, 2 months, Mrs. Stinson	4 00
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	\$555 50

Board and Clothing.

Abbie Barter, board of Mrs. L. G. Davis and child, 53 weeks	\$159 00
Abbie Barter, board of Marietta E. Waitt, 53 weeks	212 00
Abbie Barter, clothing for Marietta E. Waitt	4 25
Abbie Barter, board of Kelly child, 17 weeks	34 00
Samuel Woodward, board of Lucy Barron, 3 months	27 00
Samuel Woodward, board of Lucy Barron, 9 months	99 00
Ellen Conway, board of Margaret Harris, 56 weeks and 3 days	141 08
Boston Children's Friend Society, board of child, 31 weeks,	62 00
Florence E. Upham, board of child, 19 weeks	57 00
Florence E. Upham, clothing for child	10 20
J. W. Simonds, board of Abigail Connor, 1 year	156 00
J. W. Simonds, clothing for Abigail Connor	2 00
Stephen J. Haraden, board of Abby G. Fuller, 23 weeks,	46 00
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	\$1,009 53

Sundries.

George Newhall, boots, shoes, and rubbers	\$45 80
R. A. Freeman, carting furniture	2 00
Henry Barron, expressing	75
J. P. Baker, printing	4 00
S. L. Walton, meals to tramps	4 50
S. F. Barrett, railroad-tickets to travellers	2 50
J. C. Howes, repairing stoves	5 95
Mrs. M. B. Hopkins, dry goods	2 00
C. G. Harris, dry goods	4 91
H. B. Newhall, services	2 00
H. G. Fields, expenses	20 71
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	\$95 12

Recapitulation.

Groceries, provisions, supplies, &c.	\$1,640 34
Fuel	287 92
Medical attendance, nurses, &c.	. . . . .	498 85
Burial expenses . . . . .	. . . . .	34 00
Support of insane . . . . .	. . . . .	717 45
Outside relief	1,073 05
Rents	555 50
Board and clothing	1,009 53
Sundries	95 12
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		\$5,911 76

CONTRA.

Appropriation	\$4,000 00
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RECEIPTS.

From Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$251 59
city of Boston	214 75
city of Fitchburg	50 00
town of Malden	439 75
town of Medford	42 25
town of Norton	31 00
estate of P. R. Waitt, on account of burial expenses,	38 03
H. G. Fields, money refunded by persons assisted .	57 00
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	\$5,124 37
Expenditures exceed appropriation and receipts	787 39
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	\$5,911 76

The following claims have been presented by the Chairman of the Overseers of the Poor, and are now due this department:—

From State of Massachusetts	\$412 33
city of Boston	84 75
city of Somerville	69 00
town of Malden	167 50
town of Falmouth	18 00
town of Beverly	17 50
town of Stoneham	46 40
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	\$815 48

RELIEF FOR SOLDIERS, OR FOR HEADSTONES.

Appropriation 1878	\$200 00
Paid on orders of H. G. Fields, to commander Post No. 4, G.A.R.	\$200 00

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Appropriation	\$800 00
Balance from last year	250 49

RECEIPTS.

For auctioneers' licenses:—

Moses Briggs	2 00
John R. Jones	2 00
George Stockwell	2 00
use of lock-up	50

 \$1,056 99

EXPENDED.

L. B. Wilder & Co., printing annual reports 1878	\$239 40
J. P. Baker, printing warrants, notices, &c.	19 00
Babb & Stephens, printing orders	8 25
Reynolds & Dunton, printing voting-lists, war- rants, and notices	27 84
A. B. Pierce, distributing warrants and serving notices	45 00
H. B. Newhall, posting notices	1 00
Frank A. Grover, posting notices	50
Nelson Cochran, surveying sidewalks, crossings, &c.	19 50
Frank E. Orcutt, services on Collector's books, 1875, 1876, and 1877	25 00

Amount carried forward \$385 49

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$308 49	
Lyman Haskell, police-badges	3 75	
I. C. Dowling, repairing flag	1 10	
J. P. Baker, advertising Assessors' notice	2 00	
J. P. Baker, printing tax-bills	10 00	
T. W. Ripley, printing schedules and tax-bills	17 25	
T. W. Ripley, printing for Collector	4 50	
A. W. Haskell, Collector's book	3 50	
Hooper, Lewis, & Co., book for Assessors	4 50	
S. E. Eastman, stamps for Assessors	6 00	
J. R. Simonds, binding valuation-books	3 00	
John Larrabee, services, preparing Annual Report	30 00	
John Larrabee, expense, postage, stationery, &c.	8 30	
John Larrabee, collecting, recording, and returning births, deaths, and marriages, 1878	61 20	
A. B. Pierce, returning 49 deaths, 1879	12 25	
Nathaniel Howard, returning 4 deaths	1 00	
Benjamin Ames, repairing fences	10 42	
Henry Barron, expressing	1 00	
M. F. Eastman, expressing	38 93	
W. B. Ellis, labor, altering walk	10 00	
George B. Sargent, repairing stamp and ribbon,	1 50	
Joseph Edwards, repairing carriage	2 25	
W. H. Pierce, repairing carriage	3 00	
George P. Fuller, sign-boards	3 00	
Mrs. N. A. Beal, expense, on sidewalk	12 38	
S. W. Nichols, building cesspool (near D. L. Taylor's)	7 00	
W. B. Ellis, filling in gravel (C. Buffum's)	12 00	
G. W. Bartlett, carriage-hire	10 00	
O. K. Stebbins, ringing bell	6 00	
S. L. Walton, ringing bell	6 00	
Samuel Lear, ringing bell	6 00	
Augustus Durant, ringing bell	6 00	
Globe Gas Light Co., lamp-post and expense resetting post	11 00	
	<hr/>	\$700 32
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$700 32

Amount brought forward \$700 32

Expenses Board of Health.

J. P. Baker, advertising	\$1 00	
E. A. Alden, carriage-hire	50	
G. W. Bartlett, carriage-hire	4 00	
J. Heber Smith, M.D., services	3 00	
J. Vincent Smith, M.D., services	2 00	
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Judkins' Case.

Dr. J. L. Sullivan, services	\$15 00	
Dr. Nathan French, services as referee	10 00	
Paid by order of Superior Court, Middlesex County, judgment in favor of F. W. Judkins	50 00	
Expense on above order	25	
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Bounty-Claim.

H. G. Fields, expense to Laconia, N.H.	\$15 25	
Charles A. Hackett, attorney for William H. Pearson, settlement in full	125 00	
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		\$926 32
Balance unexpended		130 67
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		\$1,056 99

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$2,200 00
Appropriation for new hose	400 00
Balance from last year	442 01
Received for material sold	50
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	\$3,042 51

EXPENDED.

Andrew J. Morse & Son, 600 feet hose, including coup- lings, straps, &c.	\$390 00
Engineers' services to April 1, 1879	75 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$465 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$465 00
A. E. Worthen, services as engineer, 6 months 15 days	16 25
Richard Whowell, services as engineer, 7 months	14 58
A. W. Mitchell & Co., 5 police-badges	7 50
M. F. Eastman, expressing	1 50
Henry Barron, record-book and expressing	2 00
James Boyd & Sons, straps and rivets	3 20
Hunneman & Co, spanners and ropes	4 00
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	\$514 03

BIGELOW HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY, No. 1.

Services of men, 14 months, to Jan. 1, 1880	\$579 99
Steward, for services 14 months	46 67
Joseph Edwards, stock and labor, new runs	14 00
Bugbee & Barrett, 4 rubber coats	16 00
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	3 17
Thomas McCoubry, ironing sleds, wrenches, &c.	24 40
Philip Stevens, lettering lanterns	1 00
Edwards Brothers, double sleds, handles to fire-rakes, axe- handles, &c.	44 50
J. C. Howes, gas-shade	50
S. E. Benson, coal	4 25
F. T. & C. E. Palmer, glazing	2 00
Thomas B. Johnson, hanging door	3 00
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	\$739 48

RUSSELL HOSE COMPANY, No. 1.

Services of men, 14 months, to Jan. 1, 1880	\$348 33
Steward, for services 14 months	46 67
Malden and Melrose Gas-Light Company, gas	20 60
Water Commissioners, stop and box	1 75
W. T. Howard, building coal-bin	1 75
F. T. & C. E. Palmer, glazing	1 50
S. E. Benson, coal	20 00
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	4 54
J. C. Howes, water-pipe, labor, &c.	9 48
C. T. Stevens, repairs	1 90
Daniel Norton, jun., ensign	11 00
R. M Rand, work on engine	4 00
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	\$471 52

N. D. BLAKE HOSE COMPANY, No. 2.

Services of men, 14 months, to Jan. 1, 1880 . . .	\$350 00
Steward, services 14 months	46 67
L. W. Gilman, rent of room one year	150 00
Malden and Melrose Gas-Light Company, gas	12 65
S. E. Benson, wood and coal	11 50
W. A. Remick, glazing	2 00
Bugbee & Barrett, duster, oil, &c.	4 25
F. T. & C. E. Palmer, painting carriage	8 50
J. C. Howes, oiler	15
Thomas McCoubry, ironing sled, &c.	12 00
William Fanley, stock and labor on sled	6 76
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	\$604 48

HIGHLAND HOSE COMPANY, No. 3.

Services of men, 14 months, to Jan. 1, 1880 . . .	\$350 00
Steward, services 14 months	46 67
John Singer, jun., sundries	9 91
J. P. Deering & Co., lumber	7 75
S. E. Benson, wood and coal	21 25
A. W. Parker, painting	75
Walter B. Ellis, concrete walk, 46½ yards	15 81
Walter B. Ellis, gravel	8 10
Samuel Lear, building coal-bin and fence	7 15
Richard Whowell, building hose-tower, as per agreement,	165 00
P. R. Ellis, grading lot	15 00
Bugbee & Barrett, sperm-oil	70
Joseph Edwards, hose-sled, rollers, &c.	6 25
Thomas McCoubry, ironing sled, &c.	12 65
F. T. & C. E. Palmer, painting carriage	8 50
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	\$675 49

RECAPITULATION.

Contingent expenses	\$514 03
Bigelow Hook and Ladder Company	739 48
Russell Hose Company	471 52
N. D. Blake Hose Company	604 48
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<i>\$2,329 51</i>

EXPENDED UNDER DIRECTION OF WALTER B. ELLIS, *Surveyor*.

Paid to laborers for 163½ days' labor, at \$1.50 per day	\$245 22
for teams, 16 days, at \$1.25 per day	20 00
Walter B. Ellis, labor, 30½ days at \$2 per day	61 00
Walter B. Ellis for teams, 74¼ days, at \$1.25 per day	92 79
J. Oscar Lynde, 196 loads gravel, at 8 cents	15 68
Nathaniel P. Jones, 365 loads gravel, at 8 cents	29 20
Walter B. Ellis, 541 loads gravel, at 8 cents	43 28
Edwards Bros., snow-plough	4 00
J. C. Howes, stock and labor	1 60
Thomas McCoubry, sharpening tools, &c.	21 95
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	\$534 72

Of the amount paid for labor and teams there was expended in —

	Marshall.	Fuller.	Ellis.
January	\$43 96*	—	—
February	127 13*	—	—
March	—	—	\$69 80
April	36 75	\$119 36	111 42
May	158 75	45 25	43 25
June	147 00	—	8 50
July	55 50	148 98	20 12
August	—	120 30	32 55
September	—	44 50	22 25
October	52 00	—	31 50
November	55 75	—	52 75
December	—	16 00	26 87
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	\$676 84	\$494 39	\$419 01

* As Superintendent under Board of Selectmen, 1878-79.

Accounts of the Surveyors stand as follows: —

JAMES MARSHALL.

One-third of appropriation	\$666 66
Balance from last year	149 81
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	\$816 47
Expended as shown	699 23
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Balance	\$117 24

GEORGE P. FULLER.

One-third of appropriation	\$666 67
Expended as shown	554 32
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Balance	\$112 35

WALTER B. ELLIS.

One-third of appropriation	\$666 67
Expended as shown	534 72
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Balance	\$131 95

Total expenditure	\$1,788 27
Balance unexpended	361 54
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	\$2,149 81

MELROSE WATER FUND.

DR.

Jan. 1, 1879, due the town for advances	\$1,898 54
Paid interest on bonds, \$150,000, at 6 per cent per annum, bills on account of construction and maintenance (for a detailed statement of which, see Commis- sioners' report)	9,000 00 3,050 55
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	\$13,949 09

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Appropriation for the use of the water	\$2,000 00
for maintenance	1,500 00
for deficiency construction ac- count, 1878	462 08
Received from A. Lane, Superintendent, cash at various times, water-rates collected, &c.	10,284 87
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	\$14,246 95
To the credit of the account	297 86
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	\$14,246 95

TOWN HALL.

No appropriation.

EXPENDED.

Samuel L. Walton, services as janitor one year . . .	\$200 00
Malden and Melrose Gas Company, gas . . .	275 80
Charles Taylor, repairs, stock, and labor . . .	185 85
S. E. Benson, 40 tons coal . . .	170 00
Braman, Souther, & Co., shades . . .	22 00
J. L. Hammett, settee arms and castings . . .	18 80
Lemuel Merrill, keys . . .	1 40
J. C. Howes, repairs, stock, and labor . . .	19 18
S. L. Walton, expense, tubes and sockets . . .	7 87
John Larrabee, disinfectants, brushes, combs, &c. . .	2 80
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries . . .	4 29
Robert Gibbons, repairing roof . . .	14 62
Story & Wilbur, slates and nails . . .	16 03
F. T. & C. E. Palmer, paint . . .	35
Henry J. Rice, pier-stones . . .	6 00
Samuel Ellison, mason-work . . .	29 62
J. P. Deering & Co., timber . . .	12 19
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	\$986 80

RECEIPTS.

Melrose Savings Bank, rent one year . . .	\$50 00
Boynton meeting, 1878 . . .	25 00
Butler meeting, 1878 . . .	25 00
Hoar meeting, 1878 . . .	25 00
Talbot and Long Club, use of small room, 1878 . . .	10 00
Young Men's Republican Club, use of small room, 1878, . . .	5 00
Walking-match . . .	25 00
C. E. Keith's benefit . . .	25 00
Guy family . . .	45 00
Mrs. G. N. Bordman's concert . . .	25 00
Spaulding's Bell-Ringers . . .	25 00
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<i>Amount carried forward . . .</i>	\$285 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$285 00
Uncle Tom's Cabin Company		25 00
Republican Committee		37 36
Melrose Lyceum, season 1879-80		200 00
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		\$547 36
Expenditures exceed receipts.		439 44
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		\$986 80

DRAINAGE.

Appropriation	\$400 00
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EXPENDED.

Extension of Drain from D. L. Taylor's to Brook.

Paid laborers and teams	\$34 26
Waldo Brothers, 207 feet 15-inch pipe	90 00
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	\$124 26

Emerson Street, near D. L. Taylor's.

Dexter Bryant, 402 loads gravel	\$32 16
Frederick Stocker, bricks	8 85
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Ell-Pond Brook.

Paid John Keating, per agreement, for clearing brook from pond to Malden line	50 00
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Drain on Winthrop Place (so called) at the Highlands.

Paid Dexter Pratt, building culvert, &c., per agreement	25 00
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Drain on Sylvan Street, near Cemetery.

Paid Michael Kelly for labor, per agreement	20 00
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Sundry Bills.

Walter B. Ellis, making crossing	\$10 75
George P. Fuller, labor and material	26 31
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<i>Amounts carried forward.</i>	\$37 06
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	\$260 27

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$37 06	\$260 27
Waldo Brothers, 290 feet 10-inch pipe and one Y	50 30	
S. E. Benson, cement	3 00	
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		\$350 63
Balance unexpended		49 37
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		\$400 00

DRAINAGE EMERSON STREET.

(Near Depot.)

No appropriation.		
Paid Walter B. Ellis, $5\frac{3}{4}$ days' labor		\$11 50
laborers, $40\frac{1}{2}$ days' labor		60 80
for teams, 13 days		16 25
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		\$88 55

ARMORY RENT.

Received from State Treasurer, rent for one year to Jan. 1, 1880	\$600 00
Paid Henry A. Leonard $12\frac{1}{2}$ months' rent to Jan. 1, 1880,	625 00

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation (to include the purchase of 10 new lamps),	\$1,500 00
Balance from last year	269 57
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	\$1,769 57

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Paid Globe Gas-Light Company of Boston for lighting and care of 110 lamps, 5 months	\$671 95	
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<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	\$671 95	\$1,769 57

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$671 95	\$1,769 57
Paid Globe Gas-Light Company of Boston for lighting and care of 120 lamps, 7 months	857 50	
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Balance unexpended		<hr/> \$240 12

COUNSEL FEES.

Paid F. S. Hesseltine as follows : —

For services, arranging bill of exceptions, preparing brief, and at hearing on same before the Supreme Court, on exceptions of George William Phillips, adminis- trator, to verdict for defendant in the “Dyer Dam Case,” and in full for all services to final settlement and judgment for the town	\$100 00
expenses in above suit, printing briefs, &c.	9 50
services in action of Artemus Barrett <i>v.</i> town of Melrose,	50 00
services in action of George N. Black in Superior Court,	50 00
services in action of F. W. Judkins <i>v.</i> town of Melrose,	50 00
expenses in last-named suit	1 70
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	\$261 20

INSURANCE.

Balance on hand	\$635 28
Received from Central Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Worcester	12 15
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	\$647 43

EXPENDED.

Paid H. H. Westgate, insurance agent, for 7 policies of \$5,000 each, for 5 years, on Town- hall building	\$255 00
<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$255 00
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<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$255 00	\$647 43
Paid George M. M'Coy, insurance agent, for policies on High-school building, \$15,000 for 5 years	159 38	
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Balance unexpended		\$233 05

WYOMING CEMETERY.

RECEIPTS.

For 12 lots sold residents, at \$40 each	\$480 00
1 lot sold in 1857	35 00
4 half-lots sold residents	84 00
grass and loam sold	5 50
graves, one large and two small	20 00
small lot in public ground	20 00
From residents in exchange	30 00
non-resident, one small lot	100 00
residents on account of lots sold	60 00
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	\$834 50

EXPENDED.

Thomas Marshall, labor and teams	\$117 49
Nathaniel Howard, labor	31 50
Walter B. Ellis, labor and teams	34 94
George W. Grover, jun., labor	65 25
George Gobel, labor	74 04
Thomas McCoubry, shafts for roller	3 25
F. T. & C. E. Palmer, painting tomb-doors	1 12
J. P. Deering & Co., lumber	1 75
D. R. Woodward, stock and labor	8 50
Water Commissioners, pipe	2 67
J. C. Howes, stock and labor	6 30
George K. Paul & Co., pipe, couplings, &c.	14 55
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$361 36

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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$361 36
Nelson Cochran, surveying	14 00
Frank Gibbons, labor	4 00
Michael Murray, labor	75
Patrick Kelly, sods	6 75
Justus Geist, plants	15 00
Bugbee & Barrett, hogshead	1 00
John Larrabee, services on Committee	25 00
George Newhall, services on Committee	25 00
George Newhall, making 36 deeds	18 00
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	\$470 86

RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES FOR TEN YEARS PAST.

	Expended.	Receipts.
1870	\$160 91	\$547 00
1871	130 50	672 00
1872	114 66	886 00
1873	293 75	779 00
1874	465 70	470 00
1875	177 50	1,290 00
1876	899 99	796 00
1877	400 58	630 00
1878	539 03	1,117 50
1879	470 86	794 50

Expended and received 14 years
previous to 1870, including pur-
chase of land for cemetery .

	11,334 33	4,443 47
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Totals	\$14,987 81	\$12,425 47

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation	\$1,530 00
Balance from last year	377 93
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	\$1,907 93

EXPENDED.

Daniel Norton, jun., Selectman and Overseer of Poor	\$100 00	
Joseph F. Boyd, Selectman and Overseer of Poor	100 00	
Henry G. Fields, Selectman and Chairman Overseers of Poor	200 00	
John Larrabee, Town Clerk	175 00	
George Newhall, Treasurer	275 00	
George C. Stantial, Assessor (on account)	125 00	
James C. Currier, Assessor (on account)	125 00	
Dexter Pratt, Assessor (on account)	125 00	
John R. Norton, Auditor, 1878	15 00	
Frank E. Orcutt, Auditor, 1878	15 00	
Ansel B. Pierce, one-half of one per cent on taxes collected for years 1875 and 1876	242 94	
	<hr/>	\$1,497 94
Balance unexpended		409 99
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		\$1,907 93

INTEREST.

Appropriation	\$8,000 00
Received as interest from Collector, on taxes for year 1878,	838 18
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	\$8,838 18

EXPENDED.

Interest on Town Hall bonds \$65,000, at seven per cent	\$4,550 00
on notes made to R. G. Shedd, as trustee	1,680 00
on notes to Lowell Institution for Savings	1,200 00
on notes to Commonwealth of Massachusetts	600 00
on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	483 52
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	\$8,513 52
Balance unexpended	324 66
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	\$8,838 18

POLICE.

Appropriation	\$200 00
Balance from last year	74 21
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	\$274 21

EXPENDED.

Albon W. Parker, services July 4	\$2 50
George H. Robinson, " July 4	2 50
Walter B. Ellis, " July 4	5 00
Samuel L. Walton, " 44 hours	11 00
Henry B. Newhall, " 49 "	12 25
Horace W. Cushman, " 89½ "	22 37
Ansel B. Pierce, " 130 "	32 50
Ami C. Chick, " 142 "	35 50
Joseph Holbrook, " 562 "	140 50
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	\$264 12
Balance unexpended	10 09
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	\$274 21

STATE AID.

Received from State Treasurer amount paid during year	
1878	\$1,092 00

PAID DISABLED SOLDIERS AND DEPENDENT RELATIVES DURING YEAR
1879.

Samuel Sprague	\$120 00
Isaac C. Dowling	120 00
George C. Buckman	120 00
William Story	120 00
George A. Tainter	120 00
Horace W. Cushman	96 00
Luzon Weeks	72 00
Joseph S. Eastman	72 00
Theodore L. Palmer, 10 months	60 00
Sara E. Stilphen	48 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<i>\$948 00</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$948 00
Sarah Barrett	48 00
Mary F. Howard	48 00
Maria G. Colson	48 00
Helen E. Poole	48 00
Harriet N. Lynde	48 00
Angus McDonald, 10 months	30 00
Lionel D. Phillips, 4 months	24 00
James F. Ramsay, 10 months	15 00
Edward Fitzgerald, 2 months	3 00
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	\$1,260 00

Of the above amount, \$518.50 was paid under the law of 1877, and \$741.50 under law of 1879, chap. 301.

MILITARY AID.

[Sums paid under provisions chap. 252, Acts of 1879.]

George S. Hyde	\$48 00
Avery B. Howard	44 00
Daniel D. Penney	15 00
Martin Shannon	7 00
George W. Grover, jun.	12 00
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	\$126 00

ONE-HALF of the above amount will be reimbursed by the State.

RELIEF TO SOLDIERS.

[Sums paid under chap. 282, Acts of 1878, previous to the repeal of the law Jan. 22, 1879.]

Charles S. Jones	\$10 00
William J. Riley	8 00
George W. Grover, jun.	8 00
Daniel D. Penney	4 00
Joseph J. Wilkinson	6 00
Ede K. Chase	4 00
John W. Buttrick	2 00
Philip McMahan	9 00
John McLaughlin	4 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$55 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$55 00
William H. Richardson		4 50
William B. York		8 00
Moses P. Mitchell		6 00
Charles H. Howard		8 00
Amos Rowe		8 00
Horace W. Stevens		8 00
Josiah B. York		4 00
George S. Hyde		4 00
William H. Earl		6 00
Albert P. Dalrymple		1 25
James L. Phillips		5 00
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		\$117 75

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation authorized, dog tax and	\$200 00
Received from Amos Stone, County Treasurer, dog tax for	
1878	419 24
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	\$619 24
Paid to E. H. Goss, treasurer of trustees, on orders	\$619 24

CONCRETE CROSSINGS.

Appropriation	\$200 00
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EXPENDED.

Paid Walter B. Ellis for laying 204 square yards concrete	\$102 00
Peris R. Ellis for laying 200 square yards concrete	100 00
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	\$202 00
Expenditures exceed \$2.	

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Balance from last year	2 46
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	\$1,002 46

EXPENDED.

Walter B. Ellis, one-half the expense of laying 3,412 $\frac{70}{100}$ yards of concrete, including labor excavating for same,	578 54
P. R. Ellis, one-half the expense of laying 2,507 $\frac{81}{100}$ yards of concrete, including labor excavating, &c.	424 71
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	\$1,003 25

In compliance with the vote of the town, concrete walks have been laid in front of the following estates :—

	Yards.
Henry Herrick, Franklin Street	46.88
Francis W. Hunt, Franklin Street	46.43
William N. Todd, Franklin Street	78.49
Josiah P. Mendum, Franklin Street	43.64
Mary E. Carleton, Franklin Street	47.16
Emma G. Snow, Franklin Street	45.86
Heirs Albert Green, Franklin Street	46.66
William H. Greenleaf, Franklin Street	48.
Town of Melrose, schoolhouse lot, Franklin Street	44.26
Town of Melrose, hose-house lot, Franklin Street	46.66
Horatio N. Perkins, corner Vinton and Franklin Streets	301.5
B. Marvin Fernald, Youle Street	58.05
George M. T. Piper, Youle Street	54.57
Marshall S. French, Youle Street	60.41
William H. Stone, Youle Street	69.10
Mrs. Betsey R. Higgins, Youle Street	70.36
Morris C. Fitch, Youle Street	72.19
Charles W. Ellison, Youle Street	28.60
George P. Reed, Youle Street	27.90
Samuel Rice, Youle Street	24.
Melbourne S. Halliday, Youle Street	139.38
Joel C. Page, corner Vinton and Youle Street	94.25
Augustus Durant, Vinton Street	38.34
Lewis C. Fernald, Vinton Street	35.08
James G. Graves, Vinton Street	39.05
Mrs. Maria E. White, Vinton Street	59.74
William Finnegan, Vinton Street	16.40
Daniel W. Gooch, Emerson and Vinton Streets	513.07
David L. Taylor, Emerson Street	241.6
Frederic Kidder, Emerson Street	70.
Carlton Buffum, Emerson Street	70.63
Milo N. Robbins, corner Emerson and Charles Streets	144.
Henry Brown, corner Emerson and Poplar Streets	125.
William L. Williams, Emerson Street	46.
James C. Currier, Emerson Street	97.75
Benjamin F. Upham, Emerson Street	63.55
A. Wilbur Lynde, Emerson Street	75.
Moses R. Burgess, Myrtle Street	40.83

	Yards.
Addison Lane, Myrtle Street	28.20
Charles A. Lerner, Myrtle Street	36.66
Stephen A. Lovejoy, Myrtle Street	28.86
William J. Farnsworth, Myrtle Street	28.75
Edwin P. Holmes, Winthrop Street	24.70
David S. Lyall, Winthrop Street	28.26
George L. Sawtelle, Vine Street	37.45
Mrs. Abby Smith, Vine Street	37.20
Mrs. Mary K. Hersey, Vine Street	34.60
Universalist Society, corner Essex and Willow Streets .	108.55
Sidney H. Buttrick, Essex Street	55.68
W. Truman Howard, Essex Street	33.
Dudley Chandler, Main Street	58.36
Mrs. M. B. Hopkins, Main Street	39.
Mrs. S. J. Larrabee, Main Street	39.75
Benjamin F. Bradbury, Main Street	72.66
Levi S. Gould, Main Street	47.
Mrs. Caroline Cox, Main Street	23.2
George A. Safford, corner Wyoming Av. and Main Street,	216.95
Walter Littlefield, Chestnut Street	157.36
Charles M. Leland, Chestnut Street	138.70
Daniel Norton, jun., Chestnut Street	79.16
Samuel S. Houghton, cor. Chestnut and Mt. Vernon Streets,	320.03
Mrs. Charles F. Bowker, Summer Street	80.97
Joseph McIntire, Lynde Street	32.70
John E. Marshall, Lynde Street	39.7
Jeremiah Crowley, Lynde Street	52.86
William A. Remick, Lynde Street	130.1
Jonathan Cochran, Lynde Street	66.
Peter McNally, Foster Street	40.
Moses Parker, Foster Street	39.33
W. Irving Ellis, Foster Street	41.28
Liberty Bigelow, Foster Street	179.66
Peter Edgerly, Cottage Street	83.33
Lafayette J. Backer, Florence Street	43.70
Marcus A. Bush, Lebanon Street	81.3
Clark B. Baldwin, Poplar Street	82.58
William E. Babb, corner Avon and Elm Streets	82.53

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REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER.

Cash in the treasury Jan. 13, 1879	\$1,870 69
Total receipts for the year	109,409 64
	<hr/> \$111,280 33
Total disbursements for the year	109,007 59
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Cash in the treasury Jan. 20, 1880	\$2,272 74

Temporary Loans.

Paid notes of previous year	\$25,000 00
Borrowed, in anticipation of taxes during the year	\$37,000 00
Of this amount has been paid	25,000 00
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Outstanding	\$12,000 00

STATEMENT OF THE TOWN DEBT.—JAN. 1, 1880.

BONDS.

Melrose Water Fund, 1st issue, due July	
1, 1890	\$100,000 00
Melrose Water Fund, 2d issue, due Oct. 1,	
1892	50,000 00
Town-hall bonds, due Oct. 1, 1892	65,000 00
	<hr/> \$215,000 00

PERMANENT LOANS.

Notes Outstanding.

R. G. Shedd, trustee, due Dec. 1, 1880,	
interest 7 per cent	\$24,000 00
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<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	\$24,000 00 \$215,000 00

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$24,000 00	\$215,000 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due Oct. 15, 1883, interest 6 per cent	5,000 00	
Lowell Institution for Savings, due Sept. 7, 1885, interest 6 per cent	20,000 00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due Oct. 15, 1888, interest 6 per cent	5,000 00	
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TEMPORARY LOAN.

Dec. 25, 1879, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for 6 months, interest $4\frac{5}{8}$ per cent	12,000 00
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	\$281,000 00

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Due from State of Massachusetts on account of State aid	\$1,260 00	
Due from State of Massachusetts on account of relief to soldiers	117 75	
Due from State of Massachusetts on account of military aid	63 00	
Bills due on poor account	815 48	
Uncollected taxes, 1878 and 1879	26,238 67	
Cash in treasury	2,272 74	
	<hr/>	30,767 64
Net debt more than assets available		\$250,232 36

Respectfully submitted.

E. and O. excepted.

GEO. NEWHALL,
Treasurer.

MELROSE, Jan. 16, 1880.

Dr. GEORGE NEWHALL, TREASURER,

Jan. 13, 1879. Cash in treasury \$1,870 69

RECEIPTS.

From State Treasurer:—

On account of School Fund	\$180 43	
Armory rent	600 00	
State aid	1,092 00	
Corporation tax	1,261 31	
Bank tax	518 63	
Relief to soldiers	636 00	
	<hr/>	4,288 37

From various sources:—

On account of Poor Fund	\$1,124 37	
School Fund	25 00	
Contingent Fund	6 50	
Fire Department	50	
Water Loan Sinking Fund, interest	39 37	
Dividend on insurance policy	12 15	
For use of Town Hall	547 36	
County Treasurer, dog tax, 1878	419 24	
For lots, graves, &c., Wyoming Cemetery	834 50	
From A. Lane, superintendent, water rates collected, &c.	10,284 87	
	<hr/>	13,293 86

TAXES.

From A. B. Pierce, Collector:—

Taxes for 1873	\$50 96	
1874	12 64	
1875	160 79	
1876	272 57	
1877	1,376 46	
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From John R. Jones, Collector:—

Taxes for 1878	\$20,500 90	
1879	32,453 09	
	<hr/>	52,953 99

TEMPORARY LOANS.

Received on Treasurer's notes	37,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$111,280 33

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF MELROSE. CR.

By paid Town Clerk's orders as follows:—

School Fund	\$12,144 58
School contingent expenses	1,560 55
Contingent Fund	741 07
Poor Fund	5,895 76
Fire Department	3,005 00
Town Hall	986 80
Street-lights	1,529 45
Cemetery	470 86
Police	264 12
Town officers' salaries	1,497 94
State aid	1,260 00
Water Fund	3,050 55
Drainage	350 63
Armory rent	625 00
Soldiers' relief	117 75
Insurance	414 38
Counsel fees	261 20
Concrete sidewalks	1,003 25
Concrete crossings	202 00
Military aid	126 00
Highways	1,788 27
Drainage Emerson Street	88 55

\$37,383 71

By paid interest on Water Fund bonds	\$9,000 00
interest on notes and Town-hall bonds	8,513 52
order of Overseers of Poor	16 00
order of Trustees Public Library	619 24
Headstones for soldiers' graves	200 00
Claim of William H. Pearson	125 00
Judkins case	60 25
State tax	1,190 00
County tax	1,719 22
Treasurer Water Loan Sinking Fund	82 49
Treasurer Water Loan Sinking Fund	98 16

21,623 88

TEMPORARY LOANS.

By paid Treasurer's notes	50,000 00
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\$109,007 59

Jan. 20, 1880. By cash in the treasury	2,272 74
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\$111,280 33

We have examined the books of the Treasurer for the year 1879, and find them correct and properly vouched. We have seen the balance, *cash on hand*, and find that amount actually in his possession.

F. E. ORCUTT,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
J. R. NORTON,		
ERNEST MENDUM,		

MELROSE, Feb. 5, 1880.

REPORT OF THE BOARD
OF
WATER COMMISSIONERS

OF THE
TOWN OF MELROSE,

FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1879.



MELROSE:
REYNOLDS & DUNTON, PRINTERS.
1880.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

JOSEPH D. WILDE.

W. IRVING ELLIS.

J. R. SIMONDS.

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

THE Board of Water Commissioners, in compliance with Acts of the Legislature, respectfully submit this their Tenth Annual Report, together with the report of the Superintendent, showing the condition of the works Jan. 1, 1880.

THE POND.

Notwithstanding the extreme drought of the past season, we find that the supply has been ample, and that the water was not drawn so low by sixteen inches as it was in 1865, as will be seen by referring to the report of our Superintendent, thus giving evidence that the supply is sufficient for a large increase of water-takers.

The several Water Boards of Malden, Melrose, and Medford, have joined in a petition to the Legislature for police supervision of the pond.

Your Commissioners recommend appropriations for the coming year as follows:—

For hydrants, Town Hall, schoolhouses, &c.	\$2,000 00
For maintenance	1,500 00

Water-takers, Jan. 1, 1880.

Families	879
Apothecaries	2
Aquariums	2
Armory	1
Barber-shops	2
Bakehouse	1
Bookbindery	1
Churches	6

Engine and hose houses	4
Fish-markets	2
Greenhouses	8
Hand-hose	264
Hydrants	84
Hennery	1
Halls	6
Livery and boarding stables	4
Manufactories	7
Ornamental fountains	13
Private stables	25
Printing-office	1
Public drinking-fountains	5
Public ornamental fountains	2
Railroad-depots	2
Standpipes	2
Schoolhouses	7
Stores and shops	18
Truck and cart stables	15
Number of water-takers as per register 1880	952
Number of water-takers as per register 1879	938
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Increase over 1879	14

RECEIPTS FOR WATER.

Amount received for Water Rates exclusively.

1870-71	\$3,909 29
1872	5,141 84
1873	6,133 88
1874	7,202 31
1875	7,882 85
1876	8,788 93
1877	8,850 45
1878	9,267 95
1879	9,717 13
Estimated income for 1880	\$9,700 00

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

Cost of water-works to Jan. 1, 1879 . . . \$174,551 44

Expended this year as follows :—

Pattee & Perkins, hydrants . . .	\$124 52
Boston and Maine Railroad, freight . .	7 48
Seth E. Benson, cement . . .	53 00
Bills for trenching . . .	217 35
Town of Malden, pipe . . .	293 50
J. C. Howes, labor and material . .	58 32
Bisbee & Endicott, gate-covers . . .	17 51
Osgood & Hart, iron boxes . . .	15 00
Thomas McCoubry, sharpening tools . .	12 43
Boston Machine Company, gates . .	60 00
Thomas Cunningham & Son, pipe . .	46 92

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Cost of water-works to Jan. 1, 1880 . . . \$175,457 47

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT, 1879.

Boston Machine Company, hydrant-valves .	\$15 00
M. F. Eastman, expressing . . .	9 15
Thomas McCoubry, sharpening tools . .	20 46
J. P. Baker, printing notices . . .	3 50
Dexter Brothers, white lead . . .	6 00
James Worthen, sundries . . .	3 39
W. W. Boardman, use of team . . .	20 75
Town of Malden, one-third boat, &c. .	20 43
Boston Rubber Shoe Company, long boots .	4 00
Summers & Hunt, fittings . . .	46 75
Bugbee & Barrett, powder, fuse, &c. .	4 96
G. G. Nichols, stone-hammer, &c. . .	3 50
L. B. Wilder & Co., printing . . .	10 00
H. S. Ingalls, gate-box . . .	1 25
F. U. Corson, grindstone . . .	5 50
Babb & Stephens, printing . . .	11 00
Worthley & Downs, rubber mittens . .	4 00
P. R. Ellis, carting gravel . . .	17 80
Joel Atwood, work at gatehouse . .	6 25

Amount carried forward . . . \$213 69

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$213 69	
Joseph D. Wilde, on account of services as * commissioner	*33 34	
Joseph R. Simonds, on account of services as commissioner	33 33	
W. Irving Ellis, on account of services as commissioner	33 33	
New-England News Company, blank-books,	3 00	
John Larrabee, auditing books, &c.	15 00	
Hardy & Co., window	1 35	
R. A. Freeman, teaming	11 50	
Davis & Farnum, iron bend	2 70	
Addison Lane, expense	11 53	
Dalton & Ingersoll, fittings	5 38	
Jewett & Co., service-boxes	20 00	
H. A. Leonard, cotton cloth	1 00	
Thomas Cunningham & Son, pipe	118 83	
Addison Lane, services as superintendent	900 00	
J. C. Howes, labor and material	73 27	
Bills for trenching and repairs	615 00	
George W. Bartlett, use of team	18 50	
Seth E. Benson, cement	28 70	
J. P. Deering, lumber	5 07	
	<hr/>	\$2,144 52

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1879.

April 1.	Coupons on \$50,000	\$1,500 00
July 1.	Coupons on \$100,000	3,000 00
Oct. 1.	Coupons on \$50,000	1,500 00

1880.

Jan. 1.	Coupons on \$100,000	3,000 00	
		<hr/>	9,000 00
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			\$11,144 52

RECEIPTS.

Received from town for use of water	\$2,000 00
from town for maintenance	1,500 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$3,500 00

* Paid to the Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioners.

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$3,500 00	
Received from Malden for care of gatehouse,					
&c.	.	.	.	271 31	
for water rents	.	.	.	9,717 13	
for stock sold	.	.	.	46 97	
for notices	.	.	.	60	
for shutting off	.	.	.	2 00	
on pipe account	.	.	.	246 86	
				<hr/>	\$13,784 87

CONTRA.

Interest account	.	.	.	.	\$9,000 00	
Expenses	.	.	.	.	2,144 52	
					<hr/>	\$11,144 52
Due the town from this account Jan. 1, 1879,				1,436 46		
				<hr/>		12,580 98
Surplus for the year	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,203 89

Furniture, Stock, and Tools on Hand, Jan. 1, 1880.

Office furniture	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$200 00
Tools of all kinds	.	.	.	.	.	.	250 00
Stock	.	.	.	.	.	.	493 00
						<hr/>	\$943 00

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

MELROSE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Gentlemen,— In accordance with the usual custom, I herewith submit my Annual Report.

THE POND.

Under instructions from the joint Boards of Water Commissioners, a boat was purchased and arrangements made by the Superintendents of Malden, Melrose, and Medford, to inspect the pond and its borders three times each week, to see that there was nothing in or about the pond to affect the purity of the water.

The above instructions were at once entered into ; the Superintendent of Melrose going over the pond Tuesday, the Superintendent of Malden on Thursday, and the Superintendent of Medford on Saturday.

GATE-HOUSE.

A new floor has been laid in the gate-house, a window put in, and other needed improvements made.

An addition has been made to the bank wall on the north side of the outlet to the pond, and the bank graded to correspond with the grounds near the gate-house.

The following record will show the height of the water in the pond during the year 1879 :—

RECORD.

Rise and Fall of Pond in 1879.

The last printed record closed Dec. 31, 1878.

At that time the pond was full and running over at wasteway, and continued full and running over at intervals until about May 10, remaining at high-water mark until May 20, 1879.

May 27	1 inch below high-water mark.
“ 30	2 inches “ “ “
June 10	3 “ “ “
“ 20	4 “ “ “
“ 30	6 “ “ “
July 10	9 “ “ “
“ 20	13 “ “ “
“ 30	15 “ “ “
Aug. 10	20 “ “ “
“ 20	18 “ “ “
“ 30	21 “ “ “
Sept. 10	23 “ “ “
“ 20	26 “ “ “
“ 30	29 “ “ “
Oct. 10	33 “ “ “
“ 20	36 “ “ “
“ 30	39 “ “ “
Nov. 10	41 “ “ “
“ 20	42 “ “ “
“ 30	44 “ “ “
Dec. 10	44 “ “ “
“ 20	45 “ “ “
“ 30	45 “ “ “

COMPARATIVE RECORD.

Showing the lowest points below high-water mark to which the pond has been drawn since 1874.

1874.

Lowest point, 43 inches, Dec. 7.

1875.

Lowest point, 61 inches, Feb. 22. Pond full June 23. Next lowest point, 33 inches, Nov. 10.

1876.

Lowest point, 37 inches, Nov. 6. Pond full March 25.

1877.

Lowest point, 33 inches, Sept. 30. Pond full March 15.

1878.

Lowest point, $27\frac{1}{2}$ inches, Nov. 13. Pond full Jan. 15. Pond full second time Dec. 14.

1879.

Lowest point, Dec. 30. Pond full and running over at wasteway from Jan. 1 to May 20.

STREET-MAINS.

Since my last report, 988 feet of main-pipe has been laid as follows: 360 feet of four-inch pipe on Franklin Street, 196 feet of four-inch pipe on Warren Street at the Highlands, 14 feet of six-inch on Vinton Street, 310 feet of four-inch pipe on Cedar Park, and 108 feet of two-inch pipe at the west end of Emerson Street.

A portion of the four-inch pipe on Winthrop Place at the Highlands has been taken up and relaid, so as to carry it below the bottom of the culvert.

GATES.

Six gates have been added to the pipe-lines the past year; viz., one on Willow Street, two on Cedar Park, two on Poplar Street, and one on Warren Street at the Highlands. Seven boxes covering the gates have been replaced; and many of those remaining are badly decayed, and should be replaced next season. I would recommend that to some extent, at least, cast-iron boxes be substituted in place of the wooden boxes now in use. Whole number of gates now in use, 87.

HYDRANTS.

There are now 84 hydrants in use. Three have been added the past season; viz., one on new pipe on Warren Street at the Highlands, one on Winthrop Place, Highlands, and one on Vinton Street. New valves have been put into hydrants on Poplar Street and Lake Avenue. All have been repainted, and are in good condition. The hydrants set this year have been of the Pattee & Perkins make of Holyoke.

LEAKS.

The following record will show the number of leaks that have occurred, and when repaired:—

Feb. 7. — Repaired leak in four-inch pipe on Grove Street. Rust-hole. Wound in new pipe.

Feb. 13. — Repaired leak in four-inch pipe running into Youle Street. Rust-hole. Wound in new pipe.

March 3. — Repaired leak in service-pipe on Emerson Street in lead connection.

March 29. — Repaired leaks in four-inch pipe on Linwood Avenue, two places. Rusty pipe. Wound in new pipe.

April 9. — Repaired leak in branch-pipe to hydrant on Essex Street. Wound new joint.

April 12. — Repaired leak in service-pipe on Winthrop Street in lead connection.

May 12. — Repaired leak in service-pipe on Waverley Place in lead connection.

May 13. — Repaired hydrant on Lake Avenue. Put in new valve.

May 14. — Repaired four-inch gate on Essex Street.

Aug. 26. — Repaired hydrant on Poplar Street. Put in new valve.

Sept. 16. — Repaired drinking-fountain on Franklin Street.

Oct. 14. — Repaired leak in four-inch pipe on Mount Vernon Street.

Oct. 15. — Repaired leak in hydrant on Mount Vernon Street. Set new hydrant.

Oct. 28. — Repaired leak in service-pipe on Winthrop Street in lead connection.

DRINKING-FOUNTAINS.

The drinking-fountains have received the usual care and attention, and have been kept in good running order.

The fountain near the Melrose Depot has been moved a short distance, so as to be out of the line of the Tremont-street sidewalk.

SERVICE-PIPES.

Seventeen new services have been put in during the year, making a total number of 819 laid by the town since the introduction of water. Discontinued, 34; now in use, 785.

AMOUNT OF PIPE LAID SINCE LAST REPORT.

Street-Mains.

6-inch pipe on Vinton Street	14 feet
4-inch pipe on Cedar Park	310 "
4-inch pipe on Franklin Street	360 "
4-inch pipe on Warren Street	196 "
2-inch pipe on Emerson Street	108 "
	—
	988 "

Service-Pipe.

$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch from main-pipe to street-line	391
$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch inside of street-line	741
	— 1,132 "
	—
Total in feet	2,120 "

STOCK AND TOOLS.

Estimated value of stock on hand	\$493 20
Tools of all kinds	250 00
	—
	\$743 20

In addition to the above, I will say that I have, with a few exceptions, personally inspected all the premises where water is used, and have collected for water rates the sum of \$9,717.13, and from other sources, \$567.74, all of which has been paid over to the Town Treasurer, according to law.

The following table will show the different classes of water-takers, and the amount paid by each, together with the amounts received from other sources:—

Received from families	\$7,884 26	
stores and shops	148 00	
use of hose	825 00	
stables	390 00	
manufactories	234 00	
ornamental fountains	34 00	
halls	43 87	
churches	42 00	
railroad-depots	12 00	
greenhouses	98 00	
henneries	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,717 13
Received from town of Malden	271 31	
on pipe account	246 86	
from stock sold	46 97	
from notices and shutting off	2 60	
	<hr/>	567 74
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		\$10,284 87

Respectfully submitted.

ADDISON LANE, *Superintendent.*

MELROSE, Jan. 28, 1880.

At the request of the Board of Water Commissioners, I have examined the accounts kept by Addison Lane as Water Registrar for the year 1879, and find the same to be correctly and carefully kept.

The total amount charged on the register for water rates is \$9,717.13, which has been collected and paid to the Town Treasurer, together with the sum of \$567.74, received for service-pipe, stock sold, &c.

JOHN LARRABEE,
Town Clerk.

TOTAL AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTION PIPES TO THE
PRESENT TIME.

STREETS.	FEET OF PIPE.			HYDRANTS.	GATES.		
	6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch.		6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch.
Eleventh	255	..	....	....	1
Third	287	....	..	....	1	....
Main	3,784	478	....	9	2	....	....
Green	2,700	....	....	3	1	....	....
Franklin	3,155 $\frac{1}{2}$	360	....	3	1	....	....
Vinton	3,497 $\frac{1}{2}$	436	....	6	2	1	....
Trenton	1,233	1,331 $\frac{1}{2}$	....	1	3	2	....
Melrose	2,339 $\frac{1}{2}$	....	1	....	1	....
Ashland	1,475	....	2	....	2	....
Tremont	3,180	....	2	....	4	....
Greenwood	324	..	....	....	....
Perkins	236	....	..	....	1	....
Baxter	484	....	1	....	1	....
Florence	1,340 $\frac{1}{2}$	....	1	....	3	....
Maple and Poplar	2,265 $\frac{1}{2}$	....	2	....	3	....
Emerson	3,977	....	6	....	4	....
Youle	998 $\frac{1}{2}$	342	1	....	1	....
Otis	780	..	....	....	....
Oakland	1,161	....	1	....	1	....
Linden Place	286	..	....	....	....
Cedar Park	1,206 $\frac{1}{2}$	....	2	....	2	....
Laurel	457	..	....	....	....
Cottage	1,142	193	2	....	2	....
Hurd	768	....	..	....	1	....
Berwick	1,226 $\frac{1}{2}$	....	1	....	2	....
Herbert	220	158 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	....	....	....
Grove (West)	287 $\frac{1}{2}$	....	1	....	....	....
Waverley Place	690 $\frac{1}{2}$	....	1	....	1	....
Foster	1,470 $\frac{1}{2}$	....	1	....	3	....
Myrtle and Lake Av..	3,170	....	3	....	5	....
Winthrop	695 $\frac{1}{2}$	....	..	....	1	....
Vine	691	....	..	....	1	....
Essex	1,437	....	4	....	2	....
Willow	663	..	....	....	1
Short and Main	470 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	....	....	....
Reading Hill	723	..	....	1	1
Porter	2,514 $\frac{1}{2}$	....	3	....	1	....
School	495	..	....	....	....
Albion	222	....	1	....	1	....
Pleasant	1,125	1	....	....	1
Winter	241	....	..	....	1	....
Charles	335	....	1	....	....	....

TOTAL AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTION PIPES TO THE
PRESENT TIME — *Concluded.*

STREETS.	FEET OF PIPE.			HYDRANTS.	GATES.		
	6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch.		6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch.
Warren	196	....	1	....	1	....
Bellevue Avenue	100	....	..	....	....	....
Upham	3,283	....	5	....	2	....
Stevens Place	216	..	....	....	....
Lebanon	2,750	....	2	....	1	....
Grove	1,366	....	1	....	....	....
Walnut	187½	....	..	....	1	....
Lynde and Linwood	2,960	....	3	....	1	....
Sumner	701	....	2	....	1	....
Wyoming Av. (East)	1,076	....	..	....	1	....
Wyoming Av. (West)	3	....	....	....
Chestnut	572	....	..	....	....	....
Mt. Vernon	394	....	1	....	....	....
Auburn	372	....	..	....	1	....
Winthrop Place	520	....	1	....	1	....
Belmont	376	....	..	....	1	....
High	376	....	..	....	1	....
Prospect	1,026	....	1	....	1	....
Essex and Lake Av.	1,082	....	..	....	....	....
Avon	422	....	..	....	1	....
Elm	1,057	....	1	....	....	....
Howard	272	550	..	....	1	1
Upham and Dell Av.	3,488	....	..	....	2	....
East	534	....	..	....	1	....
Washington	760	....	2	....	....	....
Irving	387	....	..	....	1	....
Emerson Place	251	..	....	....	1
Seventh	288	..	....	....	1
Wastes 27 x 24	51	....	..	....	....	....
80 Plugs	80	....	..	....	....	....
Grove Street (East)	1,865	16	....	2	1	....	....
Emerson Street (East)	743½	10	....	..	1	....	....
Rowe Street	422	..	....	....	1
Totals	16,978½	61,081½	8,107	84	11	68	8

WATER RATES.

DWELLING-HOUSES.

Occupied by one family, for the first faucet	\$6 00
For each additional faucet to be used by the same family	2 00
When a house is occupied by more than one family and less than four, one faucet only being used by all, for each family	5 00
When a house is occupied by four or more families, and but one faucet is used for all, for each family	4 00
Where a house is occupied by more than one family, the highest rates will be charged for each family having water carried into their part of the house.	
For the first water-closet	5 00
For each additional water-closet	3 00
For hopper water-closet	8 00
For first bath-tub	5 00
For each additional bath-tub	3 00

Provided that no private house shall pay more than \$25 per year.

BOARDING-HOUSES.

For the first faucet	\$10 00
For each additional faucet	2 00
For water-closet or bath-tub when used for boarders	10 00

Other charges as above.

Where two faucets are used, one for hot and one for cold water, both emptying into one vessel, but one charge will be made for both.

STORES.

Occupied as office, shop, or similar purpose	\$6 00 to \$20 00
For each additional faucet	2 50
For water-closet or urinal	6 00

STABLES.

For first horse	\$5 00
For each additional horse	3 00
For first cow	2 00
For each additional cow	1 00

FOR LIVERY, CLUB, AND BOARDING STABLES.

For first horse	\$5 00
For each additional horse	3 00

The above includes water for washing carriages.

Where hose is used, \$5 additional.

TRUCK AND CART STABLES.

For first horse	\$5 00
For each additional horse	2 00

The above includes water for washing carriages.

HOSE.

For sprinkling streets, washing windows, and similar uses .	\$3 00
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When several desire to use the same hydrant for watering streets or watering gardens, see Superintendent.

HOTELS.

For each bed for boarders and lodgers	\$3 00
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BATHS.

For public baths, and for each bath in any hotel	\$10 00
For water-closet in public bath-houses	10 00

STEAM-ENGINES.

For each stationary steam-engine working not over ten hours a day, for each horse-power	\$6 00
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BUILDING PURPOSES.

For every cask of lime or cement used	\$0 05
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ORNAMENTAL FOUNTAINS.

(Ordinarily used three hours a day for a period of not more than four months a year.)

For a jet of one-sixteenth of an inch	\$3 00
For a jet of one-eighth of an inch	5 00
For a jet of one-quarter of an inch	8 00
To be cut off at the discretion of the Superintendent.	

MANUFACTORIES.

And for all purposes not enumerated in the foregoing rates special contract to be made with the Water Board.

This schedule of prices was printed in a circular, and distributed among the citizens, with this additional note:—

“All parties wishing Spot-pond water introduced into their buildings will be required to sign an application for the same. A book for that purpose may be found at the Town Clerk’s office.”

JOSEPH D. WILDE,	} <i>Water</i> <i>Commissioners.</i>
W. IRVING ELLIS,	
J. R. SIMONDS,	

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Dr. GEORGE NEWHALL, Treasurer, in Account with Commissioners of Melrose Water Loan Sinking Fund. Cr.

1878.	To cash received as surplus from water fund for year 1873 cash received as surplus from water fund for year 1877	\$3,655 00 98 16	1878. Aug. 17,	By paid for United States registered $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent bonds, — Three of \$1,000 each One of \$500	\$3,000 00 500 00
Sept. 1, Dec. 1,				paid premium on above paid for cash-book cash on hand	\$3,500 00 170 62 50 331 60
1879. Mar. 1, June 1, Sept. 1, Dec. 1,	cash received as interest on bonds	236 22			
1880. Jan. 6,	cash received from J. D. Wilde	33 34			
		\$4,002 72			\$4,002 72

Respectfully submitted.

E. and O. excepted.

GEO. NEWHALL, Treasurer, Water Loan Sinking Fund.

JAN. 17, 1880.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE MELROSE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT.

THE Trustees of the Public Library respectfully submit their Ninth Annual Report.

We have found ourselves hampered during the entire year by the action of the town at its annual meeting in reducing by one-half the appropriation requested. The sums asked for from year to year have been such as were requisite for the proper support and maintenance of the library under judicious and economical administration. When the town has seen fit to appoint a committee to examine the various departments and their appropriations, with a view to retrenchment, your Trustees have always welcomed the opportunity to explain the library work, and the uses to which the money is put; and it may be added that no committee, after such investigation, has failed to recommend the granting of the moderate requests of the Trustees. We therefore have reason to regret that the action of the town in respect to this particular appropriation was hasty and ill considered.

For the present year we ask a considerate hearing, a critical examination of the library and its work, and such reasonable appropriation for its support as will maintain its efficiency as a part of the system of public education.

We have now one book apiece for each inhabitant of the town. One-fifth of the library is continually in circulation; and, in consequence, during this year we have been compelled to rebind, at considerable expense, one-seventh of all the books.

Col. Parker, in his talks on education, referred to the co-operation of the public schools with the Public Library; and the teachers of Melrose will do themselves credit, and their pupils a great kindness, if, in teaching geography, history, philosophy, or general literature, they keep short lists of the best books in the library for reference in connection with the lessons or topics of the term. This plan is adopted

to some extent by the professors in Harvard University in connection with its extensive library.

In the departments of history, biography, and the sciences, we need extensive additions to our shelves; and while in some sections the library is supplied with many of the best books, and is therefore fitted to rank with the larger libraries in practical benefit to this community, yet, as has been stated, your Trustees have found themselves unable to carry out plans looking to the proper development of these departments, on account of the diminished appropriation.

Many citizens complain that the library-room is so crowded that they find it a hardship to secure books: this must be the case at times for the present, until we are able to have the library kept open through the entire week. On Saturday evenings, when almost invariably, in winter and summer alike, between three hundred and four hundred and fifty persons congregate, it must necessarily crowd the room; but on Monday evenings a crowded room is a rare occurrence, and the most hurried townsman may select his books, and reach his home without tiresome delays.

In this connection the need of a reading-room, which would naturally obviate the difficulty spoken of, suggests itself. The adjoining room, originally intended for the library, and in part prepared for that purpose, still remains comparatively unused, awaiting its legitimate occupants. When the town sees fit to grant the use of this room for a reading-room, we have no doubt that papers and magazines enough to fully furnish the same would freely be contributed by the citizens. We annex the statistics for the year 1879, and a list of donations. To the donors of books, pamphlets, and papers, we extend our thanks.

DONATIONS. — *Books.*

	DONORS.
The Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown. 2 vols. Thomas Bellows Wyman	H. N. Perkins.
Catalogue of Beebe Twon Library, Wakefield	Trustees.
Sermons on the death of George Washington	Mrs. Beal.
Dedication of the Town Hall, Wayland	H. B. Braman.

Pamphlets.

Lancaster Library	1
Woburn Library	1
Cleveland Library	3
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<i>5</i>

<i>Amount brought forward.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Boston Library	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Watertown Library	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Worcester Library	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Newton Library	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Chicago Library	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Peabody Institute Library	1
Tufts College Library	1
Malden Library	1
C. D. Bradlee	1
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Whole number of pamphlets now in the library, 180.

Papers.

“The Literary World” Daniel Jefferson.

STATISTICS.

Number of volumes in library Jan. 1, 1879	.	.	.	3,927
Number of volumes purchased this year	.	.	176	
Number of volumes donated this year	.	.	5	
			<hr/>	181
Number of volumes in library Jan. 1, 1880	.	.	.	4,108
Number of persons using library Jan. 1, 1879	.	.	.	2,513
Number of cards issued this year	.	.	227	
Number of cards relinquished this year	.	.	15	
			<hr/>	212
Number of cards using library Jan. 1, 1880	.	.	.	2,725
Largest number of volumes issued in one day	.	.	.	468
Smallest number of volumes issued in one day (stormy),				29
Average number of volumes issued Mondays	.	.	.	97
Average number of volumes issued Wednesdays and Saturdays	.	.	.	249
Whole number of volumes issued in March	.	.	.	3,613
Whole number of volumes issued in June	.	.	.	2,302
Whole number of volumes issued in September	.	.	.	2,273
Whole number of volumes issued in December	.	.	.	2,371
Whole number of volumes issued this year	.	.	.	30,940
Increase number of volumes issued this year	.	.	.	59

The library has been open parts of one hundred and fifty-six days; viz., Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and evenings, and Monday evenings. It has been closed once this year on a public holiday.

Five hundred and eighty-four volumes have been rebound this year, and sixty-two volumes worn out in service have been replaced.

Among the gifts we acknowledge with pleasure an engraving from Rothermel's portrait of Washington, presented by Mrs. A. F. Sumner. There have also been added to our collection lithographs of James Russell Lowell and Oliver Wendell Holmes. These are now framed and hung upon the walls, adding much to the appearance of the library.

In looking over the statistics, it may be well to compare the use made of our institution by the people with reports from other towns:—

TOWN.	Number of Volumes.	Inhabitants.	Circulation.
Watertown *	11,547	5,100	29,424
Lancaster	11,391	—	12,175
Wakefield	6,389	5,400	29,214
Stoneham	5,848	5,000	18,098
Melrose, 1878	3,927	4,100	30,855
Melrose, 1879	4,108	4,326	30,940

* Open every day and evening.

It may readily be seen, that, comparing ourselves for instance with our neighbors in Stoneham, twice as many of our citizens use the Public Library, and we have nearly twice the circulation, though we have nearly two thousand volumes less than Stoneham, about fifteen hundred less inhabitants, and a smaller appropriation for the support of the library.

The appropriations made by Stoneham in 1878 were as follows: Books, \$300; incidentals, \$250; library catalogue, \$500; and the dog tax.

1879: Books, \$300; incidentals, \$250; catalogue, \$100; a small extra appropriation for insurance; and the dog tax.

It is not proper to make comparisons, unless we take into consideration the size of the library, and the actual use made of its privileges each year.

The cost of rebinding the worn books for the current year is \$150 ; while printing, incidental expenses, and salaries of librarian and assistants, amount to \$275 more. These are the expenses, which cannot be reduced, unless you close the doors of the library.

At the present time there are a large number of books worn out in service, unfit either for circulation or rebinding. There is no money in the hands of the Trustees, and the appropriation has been exhausted. The dog tax for 1879 is not yet in the hands of the Town Treasurer, and we are therefore compelled to await with composure the arrival of March meeting.

We do not propose to create indebtedness for the town to assume ; and therefore those citizens who are constantly inquiring for books which never appear, must resolve to be patient.

The Trustees request of the town an appropriation of five hundred dollars and the dog tax.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Trustees.

CHARLES C. BARRY, *Secretary.*

FREDERICK KIDDER,	} Trustees.
ELBRIDGE H. GOSS,	
A. A. NICHOLS,	
HANNAH LYNDE,	
CHARLES C. BARRY,	

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF MELROSE,

FOR

THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1879.



BOSTON :
REYNOLDS & DUNTON, PRINTERS.
1880.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.—1879-80.

ROYAL P. BARRY, *Chairman.*
 LA FAYETTE BURR, *Secretary.*
 MOSES S. PAGE. MISS P. A. NORRIS.
 MRS. M. W. CURRIER. MRS. ANN M. KUNHARDT.
 REV. CLIFTON FLETCHER.*

* Elected July, 1879, Mr. Burr resigning.

TABLE

*Showing the Names of the Teachers, their Schools, Earliest Date of Service,
and their Present Salaries.*

SCHOOL.	TEACHERS.	ELECTION.	SALARIES.
High	A. G. Whitman . . .	November, 1874.	\$1,500
High	Emma A. J. Bugbee . .	November, 1874.	750
High	Frances M. Henshaw . .	March, 1878.	500
First Grammar	Caroline E. Southwick .	September, 1877.	600
First Grammar	Lydia C. Nye . . .	May, 1879.	450
Second Grammar, Emerson St.	Lucy W. Bisbee . . .	May, 1867.	550
Second Grammar, Centre . .	Julia M. Porter . . .	May, 1868.	550
Third Grammar, Emerson St. .	Susan D. Melcher . . .	May, 1873.	530
Third Grammar, Centre . . .	Emma M. Cate . . .	October, 1869.	530
Intermediate, Centre	Chastine Emerson . .	May, 1864.	450
Intermediate, Vinton Street .	Alice H. Long . . .	September, 1877.	400
Intermediate, Lynde Street . .	K. W. Bascom . . .	September, 1878.	400
Upper School, Green Street . .	Lydia Mendum . . .	November, 1874.	480
Lower School, Green Street . .	Clara J. Nichols . . .	September, 1878.	400
Highlands (mixed)	M. A. Whitney . . .	September, 1878.	400
Upham Street (mixed)	M. W. Batchelder . .	September, 1878.	400
Primary, Lynde Street	M. M. Gilman . . .	May, 1863.	450
Primary, Vinton Street	Hannah F. Lewis . .	March, 1876.	450
Primary, Centre	Florence B. Howland .	November, 1878.	400
Music-teacher	C. E. Whiting . . .	September, 1879.	275

REPORT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF MELROSE.

Your Committee beg leave to present the following report of the condition of your public schools for the year ending Dec. 31, 1879:—

CHANGES IN THE SCHOOL BOARD.

During the first two months of the year we had the benefit of the services of Mr. E. W. Burdett as a member of the Board ; but at the annual March election Mrs. M. W. Currier was declared elected in his place. At the same time Miss Norris and Mrs. Kunhardt were re-elected, — the former for two years, and the latter for three years. At the end of the school-year we were obliged to accept the resignation of Mr. Burr, who felt compelled to withdraw, owing to pressing business duties. We suffered him to do so with great regret. At a joint meeting of the Selectmen and School Committee held shortly afterward, Rev. Clifton Fletcher was elected to the vacant position. At the close of the year, Mrs. Currier resigned, having accepted a position which calls her away from Melrose during school-hours. Her experience on the Board, and general fitness for the position, made her services valuable to the town ; and it is to be regretted that they could not be retained. A joint meeting of the School Committee and Selectmen has been called to fill the vacancy.*

RESIGNATIONS OF TEACHERS.

The schools have been less disturbed from this cause than they were last year. In the First Grammar School we have

* At the meeting above alluded to, Mrs. Marietta W. Seaver was elected to fill the position.

lost the services of Miss Friend, the principal, who, during the year spent in that position, did good work, and made herself much beloved by parents and pupils. The only other resignation is that of Miss Lydia C. Nye, assistant in the same school, who has just left us on account of ill health.

SCHOOL-BUILDINGS.

We are able to report the condition of your buildings as better than for some years past. At the High School concrete walks have been laid in place of the old plank-walks, which had become really dangerous. During the long vacation the building was thoroughly cleansed, and the walls recolored. The Green-street and Vinton-street schoolhouses have been painted inside and outside, the fences and outbuildings repaired and painted. The Lynde-street schoolhouse has also been painted on the outside. At the Highlands concrete walks and sidewalks have been laid, and the building repaired.

NEEDED REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

The Highland and Upham-street schoolhouses need painting outside and inside, and the Lynde-street needs painting or graining on the inside. This being done, all the school-buildings will be in a state of quite thorough repair. We beg to call your attention again to the fact that the grounds of the High and Centre Schools should be neatly and substantially fenced, and shade-trees planted. The expense will not be great, and it can be done the coming year as well as at any other time. We should have had it done the past year, but were restrained by the fear of exceeding your appropriation, which, indeed, we had no desire to do.

TEXT-BOOKS.

We have introduced Harper's School Geography in place of Guyot's, and Harper's Introductory in place of Mrs. Hall's "Our World." We have also introduced the Franklin Arithmetics, edited by Messrs. Walton & Seaver, in place of Eaton's. We made these changes, because the text-books introduced are,

in our opinion, undeniably better in every respect than the ones displaced. Following the custom of the past few years, we have only introduced them in the classes which were forced to buy new books by reason of their promotion. In this way the change has been made without extra expense to the parents or the town, save in a few cases, where pupils failed of promotion.

MUSIC.

At the end of the school-year, Mrs. Bordman, who has served so acceptably as music-teacher for the past five years, sent in her resignation. Knowing with what unusual enthusiasm she has pursued her vocation, and how successful she has been in arresting and engrossing the attention of the children in their lessons, we had reason to think we should find it difficult to fill her place; but we were fortunate enough to secure the services of Mr. C. E. Whiting, who has shown equal enthusiasm, and achieved very good results. At his suggestion we have introduced Mason's Music Reader as a regular text-book in the school course, which of course has tended to systematize the instruction, and permits a regular progression in the study of the topic as the scholar moves from grade to grade.

SCHOOL SESSION.

The plan adopted last year of continuous sessions for five days, with Saturday as a full holiday, has been continued, and meets with general approval. We believe there is no desire for a change on the part of parents, scholars, or teachers. In December a petition was received from the parents of pupils in the First Grammar School in favor of a single session; but, after a full discussion, it was voted inexpedient to grant the request. The only reason which could be advanced in favor of the change, which seemed entitled to consideration, was the imperfect light toward the close of the afternoon session on short winter days in this upper room; but, in the opinion of a majority of the Committee, the evils of the long five-hour session, which are so patent that it is hardly necessary to enumerate them, should be considered more than an offset.

It seems better on every account to have the usual interval between the sessions, during which time the large majority of the scholars can go to their homes, get a good noonday meal, and return to their afternoon tasks rested and refreshed.

It is sometimes asked, Why is not this reasoning equally applicable to the High School? And the only answer to this is: That, as the pupils become older, they have their household duties to perform; and the double session would leave little time wherein to perform them. Again: as much of the studying in this grade must be done at home, it is urged that the afternoon is better for this purpose than the evening. This may readily be admitted; but one may be permitted to doubt whether any greater harm could come to the pupils from studying evenings, than from attending dancing-parties, theatres, and other evening amusements. In other countries a young lady is not supposed to enter society before she leaves school; with us it appears to be otherwise. So far as your Chairman is concerned, he would be glad to see the double session introduced into the High School; and he has not much doubt that the health of pupils and teachers would be benefited by the change.

SALARIES AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Regarding salaries of your teachers, we have made trifling additions during the past year to the salaries of but four teachers. The others remain unchanged from last year. By referring to the statistical table which precedes this report, you will be able to see at a glance the amounts paid to each, with dates of service, &c.

We must call your attention to the fact that some of our best teachers have served the past year at salaries which are only justified by "*hard times*" and "*general distress*." It must now be borne in mind that "times have improved;" the cost of living has also advanced; and some moderate advance must, in justice, be made the coming year. At the last March meeting the sum of \$12,500 was voted for salaries of teachers and janitors, and for fuel, &c., and \$1,700 for contingent expenses. We have been able to come within these appropriations. If you will

refer to last year's report, you will find this language used: "Carrying the year forward to its usual termination (March 1), it will be found that the main appropriation will be exceeded, perhaps, \$600." This being a deficiency in the future, and not apparent in the financial statement, no appropriation for meeting it was made, save that made in your appropriation of \$12,500. We are glad to say, however, that, owing to the low price paid for fuel, and also to saving in other directions, we now carry forward a balance into next year that will nearly expunge the deficiency above named.

It has been suggested, that, inasmuch as our fiscal year ends with December, it is desirable to appropriate only such sums as will be sufficient to carry our schools to Jan. 1, 1881. This, of course, involves running them on credit for the months of January and February; but, if the Treasurer sees no objection to this, we do not propose to raise any. We therefore recommend for the remainder of the fiscal year an appropriation of \$11,000, and for contingent expenses the sum of \$1,700; these sums, of course, in addition to the balances carried forward from last year.

THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Feeling that the best way to increase the efficiency, and raise the standard, of our public schools, was to raise them from the lowest grades, your Committee have paid particular attention during the past to the primary schools. They have been under the special care of Miss Norris and Mrs. Kunhardt.

If any criticism could have been justly passed on these schools in other years, it would be this: that the results of the three or four years' course have been hardly so great as might reasonably be expected.

We all know what wonderful progress a child makes at home in the three years just preceding his entrance into school. Hardly an hour of any day passes without his acquiring new words and phrases, and their meaning; and at four years of age he has acquired a really extensive vocabulary. Is it not equally true that the first year at school usually *arrests*, instead of ac-

celerating, this progress? and, if so, cannot the reason be found in the daily drill on the alphabet, and on syllable-spelling, &c., when the same time expended in the acquisition of new words, taught by the same methods and in the same manner as that which has been, perhaps unconsciously, practised by the mother, would, no doubt, produce happier and far greater results? However, this is not an essay on primary education. It may be gathered from what we have said, that we do not think we have arrived at perfection in this department. Nevertheless, we *do* believe that the instruction of the past year has been a great improvement on former years; and we believe another year will witness still more beneficial results. The aids of which we spoke in our last year's report have been introduced, — blocks, splints for teaching numbers, charts, kindergarten tables, additional reading-matter, &c. The children have made good progress in writing. The alphabet method of teaching reading has been discarded.

THE MIXED AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

These schools are in charge of the same teachers as last year, most of them peculiarly fitted for their positions by reason of experience and training; and the work, as a whole, has been good.

The schools at the Highlands and Green Street have been well filled, showing the crying necessity for the extra school established last year. It may be added, also, that the Centre Intermediate, under Miss Emerson, has been the largest school of any of this grade. The Lynde and Upham Street Schools have been somewhat smaller. We would be glad if every school of this grade could be limited to forty scholars.

Some supplementary reading-matter has been introduced in this grade and those above. We have also introduced Prang's "Natural History Series," with plates, &c., to further the teaching by objects. These have been distributed in schools of the grammar grade also, the intention being to change them about from one school to the other, so that the greatest benefit may result from our somewhat limited investment.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The Second and Third Grammar Schools, under Miss Bisbee and Miss Porter, Miss Melcher and Miss Cate, have done the usual amount of good work. Some desire was expressed last year that Barnes's History should be introduced in place of Higginson's, this study being taken up in February by the second grammar grades; but it was deemed inexpedient to make the change. Barnes's Histories have been furnished for all the teachers' desks as reference-books.

The Third Grammar Schools have been again as large as the accommodations would permit, notwithstanding the establishment of a class of this grade at the Green-street School; and the schools of the second grade will probably be large when the new school-year begins. But these schools are all so well balanced now, that there will be no need of establishing any new ones for two or three years to come, unless the growth of the town exceeds our anticipations.

The First Grammar School, which was quite large prior to the long vacation, has since been smaller. On the resignation of Miss Friend, which occurred in May, Miss C. E. Southwick, the assistant teacher, was elected principal of the school. It gives us pleasure to say that the discipline has been perfect. Every thing has worked harmoniously and well, and we believe the results at the end of the year will be found to equal those of recent years. It is, however, the duty of your Chairman to say, that he is decidedly of the opinion that the best kind of teaching will not be had in this grade till you procure again the services of a good male teacher. It may be said here, that his opinion is not fully shared by other members of the Committee, who have had better opportunities of forming a correct judgment than he has had; but, expressly disclaiming any intention of reflecting on the present incumbent, who is as good a teacher as any who have been in the school since your Chairman has been connected with the Board, it is his belief, that, with scholars of this age, a robust treatment is necessary, — teaching that shall bring the pupils *square up to the mark*, — vigorous,

uncompromising teaching, that will expose the shirk, and bring the lazy into contempt, excite ambition, and stimulate the brain; in a word, "masculine teaching." Looking back to other years, such teaching was had under Masters Brown and Stickney, and can be had again if the town sees fit to consider this in their appropriation.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

In our last report we devoted considerable space to a careful statement of our views concerning this school, its course of study, &c. We have seen no reason to change our opinion then expressed. The course of study having been printed in the past two reports, and being practically unchanged, we refrain from laying it before you again. The school has been larger than last year, but not quite so large as we thought it would be. The maximum number attending at any one time has been one hundred. The graduating exercises were held in your Town Hall, and were, as usual, largely attended. As they were of an unusually interesting character, we have thought it not amiss to give in these pages the order of exercises; and we suggest that the custom be continued. All such details are, or will be, of value as local history, and, it may be, will stimulate some of our citizens (who are now devoting much misdirected energy to collecting Farmers' Almanacs) to preserve these Annual Reports, and hand them down to future generations.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 25, 1879.

"Finis Coronat Opus."

Greeting Song. — By the School.

1. ESSAY "Milton."
Arthur M. Burr.
2. ESSAY "The Gulf Stream."
Edward B. Stantial.
3. ESSAY "The Greek Religion a Prophecy of Something Higher."
Charles H. Washburn.

Chorus — "See, the Conquering Hero comes."

4. TRANSLATION "Les Aventures de Cinq Canards."
Mary Alice Jones.
5. ESSAY "Oliver Goldsmith."
Fannie M. Brooks.
6. ESSAY "Wild-Flowers of Melrose."
Louise I. Drake.

Chorus — Keller's "American Hymn."
7. ESSAY. "The Philosophy of Good Nature."
William H. Williams.
8. DECLAMATION "Salathiel to Titus."
George R. Jones.
9. ESSAY "The Eastern Question."
Edward C. Morgan.

Music — "Good-night, thou Glorious Sun!"
10. CLASS PROPHECY *Mary A. Rorke.*
11. ESSAY "The Discomforts of Travelling."
Ada E. Lowe.
12. ESSAY "Influence."
Ruth C. Stetson.
13. ESSAY "Charity."
Amy M. Stantial.
14. VALEDICTORY "Silent Cities."
Hannah J. Gibbons.

AWARDING DIPLOMAS.

Parting Song (arranged by Mrs. G. N. Bordman) — "We bid Farewell to School to-night."

Of this graduating class, Williams has entered Harvard University, accompanied by Dole, who graduated last year. Washburn has entered Amherst; Jones, Boston University. Miss Rorke and Miss Gibbons are attending the Normal School at Salem; and Miss Brooks is about to enter the same school.

At the graduation exercises of the Normal School, two of our former High-school pupils, Miss Vinton and Miss Lane, took prominent parts, — the former being the valedictorian; and we may add that we have received from Mr. Hagar special and highly valued words of commendation concerning these and other Melrose girls, students in that school.

Some suggestions were made in our last report regarding the teaching of history, civil government, &c., by means of lectures. This change, at least so far as this year's work is concerned, has been found impracticable. At the time the suggestion was made, it was hoped that Col. Drake might be induced to prepare a course of short lectures on Colonial and Revolutionary History for delivery before the High School; but up to this time other duties have claimed his attention to such an extent, that he has not been able to entertain the proposal. We have no doubt that such a course would be of great benefit to the school, and venture to hope that we may be able at some future day to carry out the plan.

The character of the school has been kept up to the usual standard of excellence. We do not propose to say any thing special in the way of commendation in this report; but within the past year it has been our privilege to look over some records which have been kept (and which should some day be published) of the names of the graduates of this High School since its beginning. This is not so many years ago, but that we can readily follow the career of each graduate; and it is gratifying to note the positions which they have taken in life, and the uniform good success that has attended their efforts.

First Class.

*ABBY ELIZABETH AVERILL.

†ABBIE M. BEMIS.

†FLORENCE M. ELLIS.

HELEN AGNES FOSTER.

MARY ALICE GOSS.

HELEN M. LEAVITT.

ANNIE P. LONG.

†MARY LYNDE.

ISABELLA PAUL.

FRANCES L. SNOW.

†ANNIE F. STILPHEN.

†ABBIE JOSEPHINE VINTON.

†EMMA A. WEEKS.

†MINNIE L. WOODMAN.

HENRY A. BOARDMAN.

†JOSEPH R. GIBBONS.

*ALBERT H. HAYWARD.

*HENRY J. HERSEY.

*MARK S. W. JEFFERSON.

Second Class.

†MARY E. BUFFUM.

HATTIE E. DAMON.

*MABEL L. GOSS.

†LILLIAN C. HALL.

*HELEN JOSEPHINE LOVEJOY.

†MARY SIMPSON.

†ANNIE M. SPRAGUE.

†ETTA D. TRAFTON.

*CHARLES L. SIMMONS.

†OTIS T. STANTIAL.

*WILLIE R. WOODBURY.

Third Class.

JENNIE B. BARRETT.	*ARTHUR W. BARRETT.
DELIA F. BURNS.	†CHARLES H. BENNETT.
†JENNIE F. CONANT.	WALLACE BRYANT.
†MERELLA J. GIBBONS.	*THOMAS S. BURR.
KATIE F. HAWKINS.	*GEORGE H. CONANT.
HATTIE MAY KEITH.	*EDWARD W. FRENTZ.
†CLARA W. LYNDE.	*C. D. JONES.
NELLIE AUGUSTA MANSFIELD.	†WILLIAM J. MCCOUBRY.
EDITH N. SPEAR.	*HENRY C. MILLER.
†HARRY L. ALDRICH.	WINFIELD P. PIERCE.

Fourth Class.

L. MAY BALDWIN.	ARTHUR D. ATWOOD.
†NELLIE E. BARRETT.	†WOODMAN BRADBURY.
†CARRIE P. BODGE.	*PERCY BRYANT.
†ALICE BROOKES.	*WALTER B. FARR.
†ALICE C. CONANT.	NORMAN J. HOPKINS.
CAROLENA B. EHLERT.	SIDNEY HOWE.
†AGNES DRAKE.	*NATHANIEL R. JONES.
†MARY E. FARR.	JAMES P. KEATING.
MINNIE L. GILMORE.	W. STEDMAN KENT.
MARY P. GOULD.	ALFRED R. LORING.
ANNIE E. GOULD.	JOHN F. MAGNER.
MARIA A. GRADY.	†GEORGE W. MYRICK.
†MARGARET A. LECRAW.	†HARRY C. OLIVER.
NELLIE L. LONG.	†FRANK E. SARGENT.
†EDITH L. LORING.	WALTER E. SMITH.
†MARION H. MORGAN.	FRED W. STANTIAL.
†BELLE P. PERKINS.	FRANK W. SWALLOW.
†FLORENCE PETTINGILL.	DAVID L. TAYLOR.
†PHEBE RUSSELL.	WALTER B. THAYER, Jun.
*MANNA SIMMONS.	*MERTON G. WOODBURY.
†GRACE A. SMALL.	ARTHUR WORTHEN.

* College course.

† Classical course.

Not marked, English course.

GENERAL CONDITION OF THE SCHOOLS.

During the year the discipline of the schools has been remarkably good. We believe there has been no case where the authority of the teacher has been defied. At least no such case has been brought to our knowledge. There have been years in the past when they occurred frequently. Again: there

has been less trouble the past year from truancy, though there are a few chronic cases, where we have been obliged to call on Mr. Cushman.

This improved condition of things *may* be temporary; but we are quite of the opinion that it is permanent, and may perhaps justly be ascribed to additional effort on the part of the teachers in making the schoolroom attractive, and the daily tasks pleasant and interesting. We think we can say that there has been a united effort on the part of the School Committee and the teachers to make the schools better, and that the effort has been successful.

THE LECTURES BY COL. PARKER, AND THE QUINCY SYSTEM.

As some of the members of our School Board, and many of our teachers, had become quite deeply interested in the "new departure" in the Quincy schools, we invited Col. F. W. Parker, the superintendent, to visit us, and deliver a series of conversational lectures on education. (We must say here, that the suggestion is to be credited to Miss Norris and Mrs. Kunhardt, who have both, especially the former, spent much time in visiting schools of other towns.) This invitation was duly accepted, and the lectures were well attended by our own teachers and those of contiguous towns. It is needless to say that they were very interesting. Col. Parker's views and theories are in many respects diametrically opposed to those commonly held. In other respects they are such as are held by all good teachers. These views, embodied in what is known very generally as the Quincy system, have become familiar to you by means of the extended comments of the public press, and through the pamphlet of Mr. Charles F. Adams, jun., of the School Board. It has been four years since the experiment was inaugurated there; and it can be said that it is no longer an experiment, but, in view of results achieved, a pronounced success. Briefly summarized, the system is as follows:—

First, To make the schoolroom a very pleasant place, which the pupil will attend with pleasure, and leave with regret.

Second, To teach language by the word method, instead of

the alphabet method. To teach the written form, with the spoken form, of the word. All words and sentences placed on the blackboard by teacher or scholar to be written in script. Printed forms not to be used or taught. The teaching of penmanship to be begun early in the primary school, and special attention to be given it through the entire course.

Third. Mathematics. *Number* to be taught, not figures. Great care to be used in the early steps, that the pupil shall surely know and comprehend the *basis* of the work.

Fourth. Geography to be taught with the aid of the moulding-board, where the moistened clay, under the hand of the teacher, and later under the hand of the pupil, can be formed into mountains and valleys; the courses of rivers marked out; cities located; the indentations of the coast-line formed. Statistics and dates to be taught sparingly (most of these being learned only to be forgotten).

Fifth. Grammar and language. The mark set in this study is to teach the pupil (in the few years spent in the primary and grammar grades) to write a page of good English on any topic of which he may have knowledge. In accomplishing this, they look upon technical grammar as a hindrance, and not a help: therefore it is that grammar, as a study, is not taught in any grade under the High School.

If it is claimed that a sentence cannot be properly framed and constructed without a knowledge of the rules governing its form, it may well be asked how it happens that what is generally known as classical English to us of this day was written or spoken when the study of English grammar was unknown.

The aims of the system, it will be seen, are simple. The means used are such as commend themselves to the minds of the majority; and yet the change is in many ways very radical in its character, and, it may safely be said, could not be inaugurated in its entirety in any town where the School Board was not firmly seated, and in the possession of a degree of confidence on the part of the citizen and tax-payer rather phenomenal in its character. Under such auspices as these, the work has

been a *success* in Quincy; under *other* circumstances, it might have been a failure. It is certain, however, that no teacher whose services would be worth retaining could visit the Quincy schools, or listen to the arguments of Col. Parker, without feeling her enthusiasm kindled, and receiving benefits of a substantial and lasting character. If such benefits have been received, our object in inaugurating the lectures has been accomplished, and the results will be seen in better teaching.

The demands of business duties have compelled your Chairman to send in his resignation, to take effect in February, leaving the vacancy to be provided for at the annual election in March. During the first eighteen months of his term of office, he was able to give, and did give, all the attention to his duties which could reasonably have been expected; but, since the fall term began, he has found it quite impossible to visit the schools as often as he has deemed necessary, and, as there is no prospect of his leisure increasing, he is compelled to resign. There are others who have more time and ability, and such should be willing to step in and fill the position. In retiring from the Board, he wishes to express his sincere thanks for the cordial support and encouragement you have given him. Although his term of service has not been entirely free from annoyances, still they have not been of such a character as to cause him to regret the time he has devoted to your service: on the contrary, if his other duties would permit, he would gladly finish his three years' term, and *possibly* offer himself as a candidate for a "second term."

We trust you will aid and encourage the new Committee by voting the appropriation suggested in this report.

Respectfully submitted.

ROYAL P. BARRY,
For the Committee.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

For the Year ending Jan. 1, 1880.

SCHOOLS.	Maximum No. from Jan. 1 to July 1.	Average Attendance during same time.	Maximum No. from Sept. 1 to Jan. 1, '80.	Average Attendance during same time.	Number of Pupils Jan. 1, 1880.	Per cent of Attendance for the year.	Average Age, Jan. 1, 1880.
High, First Class	16	} 78.9	19	} 95.1	19	-	Yrs. Ms. 17 7
Second Class	11		13		11	-	16 11
Third Class	25		22		22	-	15 5
Fourth Class	34		46		42	-	15 -
Totals	86	78.9	100	95.1	94	.96	15 10
First Grammar	75	67.5	61	56.5	61	.95	14 7
Second Grammar, Emerson Street .	37	31.7	43	40.5	42	.94	12 8
Second Grammar, Centre . .	37	31.3	47	41.1	39	.94	12 11
Third Grammar, Emerson Street .	47	41.	53	48.	51	.95	11 9
Third Grammar, Centre . . .	48	42.5	53	48.8	51	.95	12 6
Intermediate, Centre . . .	46	39.	50	42.	46	.95	10 -
Intermediate, Vinton Street . .	47	37.	44	40.	43	.93	10 4
Intermediate, Lynde Street . .	38	32.4	42	37.	36	.95	9 8
Green Street (upper school) . .	42	39.	44	38.	38	.96	11 1
Green Street (lower school) . .	43	34.	38	34.	37	.91	7 9
Highlands (mixed)	50	41.	38	35.	36	.92	8 -
Upham Street (mixed)	39	33.5	40	32.5	38	.91	9 4
Primary, Centre	40	36.	49	43.6	46	.89	7 -
Primary, Lynde Street	53	45.	55	46.	47	.92	7 6
Primary, Vinton Street	62	50.	55	46.	55	.87	7 4
Total	790	679.8	812	724.1	760	.93	

SCHOOL REGULATIONS.

SECTION 1. The schools shall commence during the year at nine A.M. and two P.M., closing at twelve M. and four P.M. No extended session allowed.*

SECT. 2. The school-year shall consist of forty weeks, commencing on the first Monday in September, and closing on the last Friday in June.

Vacations shall occur during the school-year as follows: —

Close of fall term, from the Wednesday previous to the annual Thanksgiving to the Monday following.

Christmas week.

Close of winter term, from the second Saturday to the third Monday in February.

Close of spring term, from the fourth Saturday in April to the first Monday in May.

Close of summer term, end of school-year.

Also all legal holidays.

SECT. 3. Teachers shall be in their schoolrooms fifteen minutes before the opening of the school, admitting pupils, commencing exercises promptly at the hours specified.

SECT. 4. Teachers *themselves* shall hear all recitations.

SECT. 5. Teachers are not to absent themselves from school, or procure substitutes, without the consent of the Committee. All such absences are to be distinctly recorded in the school-registers, and the Chairman of the Committee notified of any unavoidable violation of this rule.

SECT. 6. Teachers are required to report all damages to school-property, unless repairs are immediately made at the expense of parent or guardian.

* High School excepted.

SECT. 7. "The several school-teachers shall faithfully keep the registers furnished to them, and make due return thereof to the School Committee; and no teacher shall be entitled to receive payment for services until the register, *properly filled up and completed*, shall be so returned."* A fortnight's notice required of resignations, except in case of sickness.

SECT. 8. In case of inclement weather, when, in the judgment of the Committee, it shall be thought proper to omit the forenoon or afternoon session, notice will be given by ringing the town bell at a quarter before eight A.M., or a quarter before twelve o'clock A.M.

SECT. 9. Teachers may temporarily suspend pupils from school for truancy, or gross violation of rules; informing the Committee at once of such suspension, and the reason therefor.

SECT. 10. Pupils must attend schools in the district in which they reside; must be at least five years of age, and obtain a permit, before entering, from the Committee. *Alphabet* scholars admitted only at the beginning of a term.

SECT. 11. Pupils are required to furnish themselves with such text-books as are authorized by the Committee. In case of refusal or neglect, the books will be furnished by the Committee, and the town assessors be notified, that the value may be collected from the parent or guardian. Orders sent by teachers to the town agent must have the name of the parent or guardian. Books furnished to indigent scholars shall be considered the property of the school, and be retained when the pupil is discharged.

SECT. 12. Pupils shall not be dismissed before the close of the school (*alphabet classes excepted*) without a written request from the parent or guardian. Frequent and repeated requests can be disregarded, and the Committee informed of the evil. Parents shall be notified of absences or tardiness of pupils when explanation or information is deemed necessary.

SECT. 13. Pupils absent a term, *or not present at the quarterly examinations*, shall be considered new pupils, liable to lose their connection with their class, and needing on their return a permit from the Committee (*alphabet scholars excepted*).

* Extract from Revised Statutes.

SECT. 14. Pupils shall have a recess of twenty minutes at each morning session, and no pupil will be allowed to leave the school-grounds without a special permit from the teacher.

SECT. 15. Pupils guilty of defacing or injuring schoolhouses, school-furniture, out-buildings, fences, or school-property in general, shall be subject to such penalty as the statute prescribes, or the Committee deem proper.

SECT. 16. Pupils are not allowed in schoolyards after school-hours, or during holidays or vacations; are not allowed in other schoolyards than their own, at any time, unless sent with messages.

SECT. 17. The duties of the several janitors shall be to sweep each schoolroom and entry twice every week; wash the floors and windows during each of the vacations of May and November; clean and wash all out-buildings as often as necessary; keep steps and paths free from snow in winter; close gates when schools are not in session; report to teachers or Committee all injuries to property; prepare and put in the coal and wood, practise rigid economy in its use; and have a general oversight of the buildings in their care. No extra pay for any of the above services.

SECT. 18. No wares or amusements shall be advertised in the schools without the consent of the Committee.

SECT. 19. Teachers shall read to the pupils, at such times as they deem expedient, any or all of the foregoing Rules and Regulations.

WARRANT
FOR
TOWN MEETING,
MARCH 1, 1880.

WARRANT.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Melrose, in the
County of Middlesex: Greeting.*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of MELROSE, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the TOWN HALL, on Monday, the first day of March, A. D. 1880, at 12.30 o'clock, P. M., then and there to act on the following Articles, viz.:

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To bring in their votes, on one ballot, for Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Assessors, one Water Commissioner for a term of three years, one Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for a term of three years, Public Library Trustees, Highway Surveyor or Surveyors, Auditors and Constables. Also on a separate ballot, to bring in their votes for four members of the School Committee, two for a term of three years, one for two years and one for one year.
3. To choose all other necessary Town Officers.
4. To authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money for the purpose of meeting the demands of the Town, with the approval of the Selectmen.
5. To raise money for Schools.
6. To raise money for School Contingent Expenses.
7. To raise money for Highways.
8. To raise money for Sidewalks.
9. To raise money for the Support of the Poor.
10. To raise money for the Fire Department.
11. To raise money for lighting and care of Street Lamps.
12. To raise money for additional Street Lamps.
13. To raise money to pay Watchmen and Policemen.
14. To raise money for Contingent Expenses.
15. To raise money to pay Interest on the Town Debt.
16. To raise money for the Reduction of the Town Debt.
17. To raise money for the Public Library.
18. To raise money for Water, maintenance and use of same.

19. To raise money for Salaries of Town Officers, and to fix the compensation of all Officers and Committees elected or appointed by the Town.

20. To raise money for Drainage, Bridges and Culverts.

21. To raise money for deficiencies in accounts for the past year, and for all other necessary expenses for the ensuing year.

22. To see if the Town will raise \$300 for the purpose of widening Franklin Street.

23. To see if the Town will repair the fences around the town cemeteries, make other improvements, raise money and choose a committee to expend the same on petition of Aaron Green and others.

24. To see what action the Town will take to improve the grounds and walks around the Town Hall and High School House, and appropriate money for the same, on petition of F. S. Hesselstine and others.

25. To see if the Town will make improvements on Lebanon Street, near the house of Mr. Ede K. Chase, and appropriate money for the same, on petition of Henry C. Bliss and others.

26. To determine the method by which the taxes for the year shall be collected.

27. To hear and act on the reports of Committees, and for the transaction of any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the several places of Public Worship, at each of the Post Offices, at the Depots and the Town Hall, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

DANIEL NORTON, JR.,	} Selectmen of Melrose.
HENRY G. FIELDS,	
JOSEPH F. BOYD,	

A true Copy. Attest,

A. B. PIERCE, Constable.

